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Snack time provides an important opportunity for social interaction. It is important that staff and pupils maintain the highest standards of hygiene in relation to snack and all food-handling activities.

- At least one supervising member of staff shall hold the basic Food Hygiene Certificate
- Thorough hand washing will be insisted upon whenever food is to be prepared or consumed
- All foods will be bought from a reputable supplier
- Only foods purchased by the nursery team will be served to children during the nursery session
- Care shall be taken to ensure that all foodstuffs are stored under suitable conditions
- The fridge temperature will be checked daily
- The fridge interior will be cleaned weekly
- All surfaces will be washed and wiped down regularly with an anti-bacterial agent
- The food preparation area, including sinks, will not be used for other activities
- Stock rotation will ensure that all foodstuffs are used within the 'use by' or 'best before' date
- Fresh fruit and vegetables will be washed and wiped before consumption
- Children with open sores or broken skin will not handle food
- Children will be made aware of basic food hygiene during preparation
- Children will be encouraged to help prepare snack and to tidy up afterwards
- Snack time will provide opportunity to develop good table manners, sharing and social interaction
- Healthy eating will be encouraged through the inclusion of fresh fruit and milk in snack foods
- Food allergies and sensitivities will always be taken into account
- Children will be encouraged to try new foods
- During food preparation practical opportunity will be provided for the development of number and language skills
- During preparation of snack knives will be kept out of reach of children, in a drawer
- The cost of snack will be £1.50 per week payable termly. It is, however, possible to pay per week, see nursery teacher for details
- Snack money will be used for the purchase of snack and other necessary nursery items