



Walhampton

Food and Drink Policy

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Walhampton aims to provide the children with well cooked, healthy and nutritious meals according to Government guidelines.

The menus are planned on a four weekly cycle and are amended from time to time according to the season of year. Parents can view the menus on the school website. The school respects the different dietary, cultural and health needs of all children. The food offered to the Early Years children will be a suitable variation of the main menu. Those responsible for the preparation and handling of food hold an appropriate qualification and basic food hygiene certificate.

Availability of water

Fresh drinking water is readily available for children and staff at all times. Children are encouraged to help themselves to water, whether with support or independently. Staff support the children in recognising that they need to drink water when they are thirsty, hot or tired, or feeling unwell.

Special dietary needs and food allergies

Before admittance to the school, parents will be asked to provide information about any special dietary requirements and food allergies that the child has and any special health requirements. This information **MUST** be supported by medical or GP endorsement. The school will maintain up-to-date records of children's dietary requirements and ensure that staff involved in the care of that child are informed. It is requested that parents update the school whenever the child's dietary needs change.

Snacks

The school offers a balance and variety of nutritional snacks for the children. The school ensures that all catering staff are aware of food handling and food storage policies.

EYFS

The school will notify Ofsted/ISI of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident. A registered provider, who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Food hygiene awareness training

The school ensures that training is provided to appropriate staff on food hygiene awareness.