



Willow Bank Pre-School Lunch Club Policy 11.45pm to 12.30pm Mon-Fri



Willow Bank Pre-School is pleased to be able to offer from this term (Autumn 2010) a Lunch Club to those children that attend the setting.

Willow Bank Pre-School regards snack time and lunch time as an important part of the pre-school day. We will use the Lunch Club to help children to develop independence; by helping them to make choices. Assisting them to help themselves to food and drink and encouraging them to feed themselves. We believe eating represents a social time for children and adults and helps children to learn about food and healthy eating.

Statement of Intent

Before a child starts to attend the Pre-School or Lunch Club, we will find out from parents their children's dietary needs, including any allergies. We will record this information about each child in her/his contact details. We will hold on file also the parent's signature as verification of this notification.

We will regularly consult with parents to ensure that our records of their children's dietary needs - including any allergies - are up-to-date. Parents sign the up-dated record to signify that it is correct.

We will display current information about individual children's dietary needs so that all staff and volunteers are fully informed about them.

We have fresh drinking water constantly available for the children. We will inform the children about how to obtain the water and that they can ask for water at any time during the session/day.

We will inform parents about the storage facilities available in the pre-school.

We discourage children to share and swap their food with one another. This is to protect children with food allergies.

For children who drink milk, we will provide fresh, semi-skimmed pasteurised milk.

Willow Bank Pre-School's designated Health & Hygiene person is **Diane Prince**. Who will ensure the setting is meeting all necessary regulations at all times.

How will it work?

Please provide a packed lunch every day for your child to consume at lunch club. **We do not** have the facilities to store or refrigerate food. We therefore ask that you provide an ice pack in your child's lunch bag or box.

Please ensure your child's lunch bag or box is clearly labeled with his or her name.

Please do not put treats like sweets, nuts, fizzy drinks or chocolate in your child's packed lunch. Willow Bank Pre-school reserves the right to not allow any such items to be consumed at our Lunch Club.

Even if your child does not suffer from a food related allergy, we kindly ask you to avoid putting items in your child's lunch that may cause a problem for another child in the setting, such as nuts.

Lunch club must be taken after the morning pre-school session or before the afternoon session.

Lunch Club is £3.95 per lunch club session (fees for the whole term must be paid in advance). A book of 5 vouchers is available to buy at £19.75

Please give minimum of 24hrs notice when booking extra lunch clubs, places will be given on a first come first serve basis up to our limit of 16 children.

Willow Bank Pre-School encourages cultural diversity and welcomes children to bring food to the setting that is typical of their culture or religion or dietary requirement.

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