

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment. Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises. Health: The provider must promote the good health of children attending the setting.

Oral Health

Policy statement

Hook Village Nursery provides care for children and support good health through promoting oral health and hygiene and encouraging healthy eating.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
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Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring Engagement	Active Learning Motivation	Creating and Thinking Critically - Thinking
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Procedures Illness

- The setting provides healthy snacks and encourages regular tooth brushing.
- Fresh drinking water is available at all times and easily accessible.
- Sugary drinks are not served.
- In partnership with parents, babies are introduced to an open free-flowing cup at 6 months and from 12 months are discouraged from using a bottle.
- Only water and milk are served with morning and afternoon snacks.
- Children are offered healthy nutritious snacks with no added sugar.
- Parents are discouraged from sending in confectionary as a snack or treat.
- Pacifiers/dummies
- Parents are advised to stop using dummies/pacifiers once their child is 12 months old.
- Dummies that are damaged are disposed of and parents are told that this has happened

Further guidance Infant & Toddler Forum: Ten Steps for Healthy Toddlers

www.infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddlers-to-preschool/healthy-eating/ten-steps-for-healthy-toddlers/

Legal framework

Children Act (1989 s47), Protection of Children Act (1999), The Children Act (Every Child Matters) (2004), Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (2006), Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR 1995)



Signed on behalf of Hook Village Nursery
Chairperson

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