

OLDBURY COURT OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS

Policy for Cooking Activities

Oldbury Court recognises that cooking activities can involve risks. Staff responsible for running such activities, must be fully aware of and comply with regulations relating to food safety and hygiene. They should receive appropriate food hygiene training. A risk assessment should be carried out before running cooking activities.

Guidelines for running a cooking activity

- 1 All children and staff must wash their hands immediately prior to starting the activity and dry them with a disposable paper towel, not a tea towel
- 2 All children and staff must wear aprons that are only used for cooking activities. These aprons need to be stored separately in a clean container.
- 3 Before use, staff should wipe down food preparation surfaces with a cloth and an antibacterial surface cleanser and dry immediately. Cloths used to clean in the kitchen must not be used anywhere else in the play setting. Utensils are to be stored in a clean container in kitchen cupboard to avoid contamination after washing.
- 4 Keep all perishable food e.g.: bread, fruit, vegetables and spreads in a refrigerator at 0-5 degrees. At the end of each week check the contents of the fridge and discard anything past the use-by date.
- 5 Children are to be supervised throughout the cooking activity by a member of staff.
- 6 Children should not have access to sharp implements or to the area where the oven is located.
- 7 Wash utensils straight after use with hot water and detergent, rinse and dry immediately with a tea towel. Discard uneaten food and wipe surfaces with an antibacterial cleanser.

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Daily kitchen hygiene

Play workers are responsible for keeping all surfaces (including taps and door handles) the refrigerator and cupboards clean. These should be cleaned with disinfectant regularly. Only use re-useable clothes (e.g. Tea towels) for one play session and then machine wash at 60 degrees.

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