

11.3 Policy for Lunch Club

Policy Statement

- Parents should request a permanent lunch club place from the Manager. Lunch club spaces are limited to 35 per day and places are open to children attending both morning and/or afternoon sessions. There is no refund for any lunch club sessions booked but not taken. This includes holiday or sickness.
- Ad hoc spaces can be requested on a daily basis, assuming places are available. The usual club fee is payable. It is recommended that you book at least two days in advance to ensure availability. Pre-paid sessions will take priority in cases where demand exceeds availability.
- Children attending the Lunch Club will require a packed lunch and drink in a named lunch box (small rectangle shaped is preferred due to space).
- Parents should put packed lunches on the red trolley on the deck.
- If there is sufficient room, the lunch box is stored in the pre-school refrigerator. Please place a frozen ice pack in the box during warm weather.
- All food provided should be suitable to be eaten cold, as staff will not be able to heat food. We encourage parents to provide sandwiches with a healthy filling, fruit, vegetables and milk based desserts such as yoghurt or crème fraîche. Chocolate bars and/or sweets are **not** to be included in the lunch boxes.
- As many children are allergic to nuts, we request that peanut butter, packaged nuts and other foods with nuts in are not provided as part of your child's lunch. Please check cereal bars as these often contain nuts. We also cannot serve cartons of Almond milk or other flavoured drinks that contain allergens.
- Other drinks should not be fizzy or in glass bottles. We can provide children with water or milk.

- Please ensure that all grapes, cherry tomatoes, mini sausages olives etc. are cut in half from top to bottom as these can be a choking hazard.
- Whilst every care of your child's lunch will be taken, the Pre-School does not accept responsibility for food poisoning due to the lunch provided not being fresh when prepared.
- Lunch club starts at 11.45 am for children attending the morning session and our lunch time will last approximately 60 minutes finishing at 12.45, so please only provide what your child normally eats in this time. Children arriving before the pm session will join lunch club at 11.45am, due to the morning session will still be in progress.
- Any uneaten food will be left in the lunch box and returned to you at the end of the session.

Please see our Policy on Food and Drink for further information

This is a Little Acorns specific policy and outside the scope of the EYFS themes and commitments.

This policy was adopted/reviewed at a meeting of	Little Acorns	(name of provider)
Held on	<hr/> 24 th February 2021	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management committee	<hr/>	
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