

16. Lunch Club

Lunch club exists as an extension to the time children spend with us. It provides an essential service to parents but is also an ideal opportunity for the children to learn important social skills and to develop other skills for life. We see it as our responsibility to provide an opportunity to support the children further. Lunch Club is an informal time but requires structured routines to complement and nurture the children's welfare during this period.

Procedure

- Practitioners will prepare the lunch club area by placing the children's lunch boxes on the tables.
- When all are ready, the children will wash their hands.
- Practitioners will provide overview monitoring and one to one monitoring.
- Practitioners will respond to the children's needs as they occur but also act to promote conversation with individuals or between groups – children are expected to remain seated and not walk around with food.
- As the children finish their meals they are expected to clear up after themselves and wash their hands.
- The children can then go to the quiet area to read books and rest.
- Practitioners tidy the Lunch Club area and prepare for the afternoon session while the children are resting.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre-school held on (Date):

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school: (Chairperson)