

HOLLYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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"Healthier choices mean a healthier you."

Introduction

At Hollywood Primary School we recognise that good health is vital and that healthy eating, being one of the many contributors to this, can influence physical, mental and social well-being. We are dedicated to helping each child understand the role of healthy eating in achieving good health.

Aims

The school aims to:

- Provide opportunities for each child to access knowledge, understanding and skills related to healthy eating so that they may make informed choices.
- Raise awareness of the concepts of 'healthy eating' and 'balanced diet' and their importance in maintaining good health.
- Develop a positive attitude towards eating habits.
- Provide opportunities within school to pursue a healthy diet.
- Help children to understand that some foods should be eaten in moderation.

Purpose of the Policy

Through the successful implementation of this policy the intended outcomes are:

- Children are physically, mentally and emotionally healthy.
- Children are making informed choices about their lunches, both school dinners and packed lunches.
- Children and parents/carers understand the need for a balanced diet and understand the term "in moderation".
- For staff to be good role models and have access to information which will help them to provide and develop positive attitudes to healthy eating in young children.

Allergies, vegetarians, religious needs

Hollywood is a "nut free" school. Staff are made aware of particular allergies through the Individual Care Plan file, which is kept in the staff room. Vegetarian and religious needs are planned for and provided by the school catering team.

As a school we comply with the Information Labelling Regulations 2014, in relation to all food prepared in the school kitchen. An Allergen Manual is kept for reference in the catering office.

Water

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and drinks bottles **containing only water** can be kept in the classroom. The school currently has two water coolers for children to fill their bottles at specified times of the day. **A separate drink for lunchtime is kept in lunchboxes.** The school encourages parents/carers to provide low sugar drinks. **Fizzy drinks are not allowed.** Children are encouraged to take water bottles home daily and wash them.

Free fruit and vegetable scheme

There is a free fruit scheme in operation for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Each child is able to choose a piece of fruit/vegetable each day.

Morning Break - toast and snacks

All children have the opportunity to purchase a slice of wholemeal toast at morning break at a cost of 20p. Key Stage 1 children are also able to purchase a carton of fruit juice or a cup of milk for 20p. Children are able to bring a healthy snack from home for morning break. This must be a piece of fruit or vegetables. **Biscuits, chocolate, sweets and crisps are not to be eaten at morning break.**

Milk

Reception children are provided with milk daily.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.45am. A varied selection of hot and cold, healthy and nutritious food is available, e.g. Cereal, toast, milk, and fruit juice. Pupils can attend if they have already eaten at home (charge payable).

Packed Lunches

A healthy packed lunch should contain a mix of foods from the Eat Well plate. The Eat Well Plate shows how much should be eaten from each of the five food groups. No single food contains all the essential nutrients the body needs to be healthy and function efficiently so it is important that the content of a packed lunch is varied.

A good packed lunch contains:

- ✓ A starchy food, such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice, noodles. These are good to fill children up.
- ✓ A good source of protein, iron, and zinc such as meat, fish, beans and eggs.
- ✓ A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- ✓ A portion of fruit and a portion of vegetable or salad to provide other vitamin and minerals.

Sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed in lunchboxes.

Any uneaten food from personal lunchboxes is returned in the child's lunch boxes so the parents are aware of what the child has eaten at school. Individual Monitoring/observation can also take place on parental request.

School meals

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are eligible for free school dinners, under the government funded Universal Free School Meals initiative and are encouraged to take up the option. Our school meals comply with the School Food Standards and copies of the checks that we make to ensure we are complying are kept in the catering office.

The dinner system offers a choice of foods over a three-week menu cycle, which allows the pupils to exercise their knowledge of healthy eating. New menus are sent out termly to all families promoting and encouraging children to have school dinners. Copies of menus can be found on the school website, (Our School, School Menus).

The catering team put on regular theme days, such as Seaside Days and Christmas Lunches, which are promoted through advertising on posters within school, fliers and the school newsletter.

At regular intervals the School Council will discuss school meals in their classes and feedback the children's views. Meetings are also arranged with the School Cook and the School Council to discuss children's opinions and ideas for new menus.

Dining environment

Lunch is served in the main hall using a staggered lunch hour:

- Foundation 11.45am - 1.00pm
- KS1 12.00pm - 1.00pm
- KS2 12.15pm - 1.15pm

The children enter the hall in an orderly manner and queue to collect their lunch. On collecting lunch children are encouraged to visit the salad bar before finding a place to sit. School dinners and packed lunches sit together and enjoy the time to socialise. Children are rewarded positively throughout their dining experience. Other staff members are encouraged to take the opportunity to sample school lunches and sit with the children. Displays are situated in the hall to remind children of lunchtime expectations and provide information on our school meals.

Training

All kitchen staff and selected staff from Breakfast Club have undertaken the Level 2 Food Safety training and receive regular updates to ensure we maintain an excellent standard of food hygiene within the kitchen. The Certificates are displayed in the kitchen office.

Curriculum

In Foundation stage, KS1 and KS2, healthy eating is addressed through:

- Science units
- PSHE units - Ourselves
- Design and Technology
- Discrete teaching sessions
- Discussion between teacher and pupils
- Assembly teacher led or outside visitor
- Whole school projects
- Special days and events

Cooking/food tasting in lessons

On occasions as part of the class lesson the children participate in cooking and food tasting. Permission is sought from the parents prior to this, noting food allergies if applicable.

Special Events

The school ensures that healthy options are available at special events, like Christmas Parties and theme days.

Birthday cakes or sweets that are sent into school are divided up for distribution at home time. On occasions cake sales occur to raise money for school fund or charity events.

Lunchtime supervisor support

Lunchtime supervisors are employed to support children both in the hall and on the playground. Each class is allocated a lunchtime supervisor, where the lunchtime supervisor follows a rota basis to ensure the smooth and efficient running of lunchtime activities. Lunchtime supervisors are encouraged to recognise healthy eating and positive behaviour. In-service training is arranged as required and Lunchtime supervisors meet regularly with the head teacher to discuss relevant issues.

This policy was agreed by the Governing body July 2015 and reviewed by the Headteacher February 2019.