

Hind Leys Pre-School

Lunchtime Policy

- At least one staff member on duty will hold an up-to-date food hygiene certificate and a senior staff member is always present.
- Lunch time is a social learning time for eating and talking. Staff on duty will sit down with the children as a group.
- Lunch club can take up the whole hour if needed – but children who finish early are encouraged to wait a while before leaving the group (this encourages them to eat and not rush). Some children take longer than others to eat and a five-minute timer/warning is given before packing away/finish time.
- Staff members respect the children's decisions on what to eat i.e. order and quantity.
- Staff members always encourage the children to drink whatever is provided in their lunch boxes.
- Staff members are continually aware of children's eating habits and any concerns are noted in written form to parents. This is checked by a Senior Practitioner from the team.
- Parents can be advised on lunchbox contents – by a senior practitioner.
- Nut free zone