



North Curry C of E Primary School and Little Heron's Nursery Weaning policy



Signed by:

_____ Headteacher

Date: _____

_____ Chair of governors

Date: _____

Review date: September 2025

Statement of intent

At North Curry CE Primary School Summer Club:

We believe that every child is unique and valued. We aim to provide an environment in which all pupils feel safe and can flourish. We will respond to individuals in ways which take into account their varied life experiences and particular needs. We are committed to providing an education with aspirational outcomes, which enables all pupils to make progress, become confident individuals living life in all its fullness (John 10,10).

In our school our Christian vision shapes all we do. Our vision is underpinned by the Christian values of Koinonia, Kindness, Respect, Joy, Hope and Happiness.



Little Herons Nursery works in partnership with parents through their child's weaning process. The nursery has a flexible approach to provide continuity to the child. Parents are given a full, daily report on the child's milk/food intake during the weaning process on Family. We will work closely with parents to introduce solids into baby's diet when the child is between the ages of 4 and 6 months and follow government guidelines.

Parents must keep us up to date and informed of any changes.

Starting Weaning

The nursery will be directed by the parents to introduce first solid food to the child. Food will not be given before the recommended age without consultation with the child's Health Visitor. There will be special considerations for children who are born prematurely, and we will consult with professionals regarding this.

Parents provide the food required at the correct consistency for their child's stage of weaning.

We recognise that all children are individuals, some start introducing solid food earlier, others later, some are choosy, others like everything and anything. Little Herons Nursery offers advice and support to any parents that would like it, throughout the weaning process.

We follow the weaning guidance from the Department of Health.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_084164.pdf

Warming food

Infant food is to be warmed to a suitable body temperature (37c) to take the 'edge' off the milk by placing it in a jug of hot water.

The food is then to be checked for temperature to ensure that it is cool enough for the baby to eat, using a temperature probe. This temperature is recorded.

The quantity of food consumed by the child is recorded on Family.

The temperature of the food is to be checked and recorded by a member of staff using a milk/food temperature probe before the bottle is given to the child unless the parent advises staff to offer the food cold.

If refused, the food will be offered to the baby again at 10-15-minute intervals. Food will be discarded after 30 minutes. Food is never re-heated.

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2024): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Health [3.52 - 3.55]*

[Help for early years providers : Food safety \(education.gov.uk\)](#)