

Lunch Session.

Encouraging healthy eating habits sets children up for the rest of their lives. A balanced diet helps concentration, energy levels and immunity.

At Weston Way, we strive to promote healthy eating. We feel it is important for children, even as young as ours, to understand the importance of looking after our bodies and eating healthily.

With this in mind, we try to encourage our children to make healthy choices through circle time discussions. The children have the opportunity to access fresh drinking water, which is available throughout the nursery session. Staff emphasise the importance of drinking water, reminding the children throughout the session that water is available. Milk is also a very important part of young children's nutritional requirements. All nursery children are entitled to a free carton of milk each day, funded by the government, which they have at nursery at snack time. Please complete the form enclosed in your prospectus and return to the school office to order this for your child.

Below are a few suggestions you may find helpful when packing a lunch for your child.

- Small portions are always a good idea.
- A variety of foods in little containers looks interesting.
- Think about foods of different colours to make the lunch look more appealing.
- Drink containers with sports type lids are easier and less likely to spill.
- Foods that your child can manage independently encourage their self help skills and boost self esteem.
- Think about health and safety, cherries need to be stoned, grapes halved and **NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS** are permitted at nursery.
- No sweets or lollipops although chocolate covered wafer bars are permitted.
- Above all please do pack foods your children like. You know your child best and it is important that they feel happy coming to lunch at nursery!!

Remember when collecting children after their lunch session to wait at your child's lunch room door and a member of staff will see your child out to you.

We have a small supply of recipe books and leaflets, giving a variety of interesting and varied ideas for children's lunch boxes, available for you to borrow or flick through for ideas.

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