

## Healthy Eating Policy

Happy Turtles provides healthy, nutritious and balanced food and drinks. Food and drink are safely prepared with regard to the dietary and religious requirements of the children in our care. We ask parents to notify us regarding any special dietary requirements or allergies when they register their child.

Happy Turtles promotes healthy eating and leads by example. Staff responsible for food preparation, handling and storage have received appropriate training.

- We provide suitable healthy snacks for all the children.
- Children are encouraged to develop good eating skills and table manners.
- All children are given plenty of time to eat.
- Where appropriate, children are involved in planning and preparing food and snacks.
- Fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- Fresh fruit is available at all sessions.
- Withholding food is never used as a form of punishment.
- Staff discuss with children the importance of a balanced diet where appropriate.
- Happy Turtles does not regularly provide sweets for children.
- We limit access to fatty or sugary foods.
- Children are never forced to eat or drink anything against their will.

This policy was adopted by: Happy Turtles Ltd	Date: 23.07.18
To be reviewed: July 2019	Signed: Frances Jupp

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2017): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Food and drink [3.47-3.48]*.