

Reddish Vale Nursery School

Hot Drinks Policy

Rationale:-

NO HOT DRINKS will be permitted in any area of the Nursery where children are present. This also applies to the consumption of hot drinks in cups with safety lids on. Hot drinks being carried around the building (e.g. from staffroom to office area) must only be done so when children are not in these areas. **The exception to this** is when the children and staff are at Nature School where hot chocolate is provided as part of the planned curriculum. The hot chocolate is prepared by a member of staff who temperature tests the liquid with a thermometer probe and adjusts the temperature of the hot chocolate accordingly. The hot chocolate is prepared in an area away from the children in a separate kitchen area. The hot chocolate is decanted into individual thermos flasks for the children to drink when at Nature school. Parents/carers sign a consent form agreeing to their child being given hot chocolate. The pouring and drinking of the hot chocolate from the flask is part of a supervised activity

Hot drinks cause a potential hazard resulting in accidental injuries such as burns and scalds. Adhering to this policy and minimising such hazards and risks enable children to thrive in a safe, secure and healthy environment.

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 this policy is to be implemented to safeguard the welfare of the children, parents/carers and staff.

Links to other policies, procedures & guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health & Safety• Safeguarding• Nature School Risk Assessment• Parental Consent Policy (22)	
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