**DIET ~ POLICY AND PRACTICE:**

**This policy should be read in conjunction with: Data Collection Policy, Health and Safety Policy and the Statutory framework for the early years foundations stage – April 2017 – section 3.47, 3.48, 3.49 of which sets out the frameworks for supporting Staff, parents/Carers and children. This policy also takes account of legislation as laid out by the Food standards agency.**

The sharing of refreshments plays an important part in the social life at Patcham Village Pre-school; it provides children with an understanding of the importance of healthy eating.

Patcham Village Pre-school ensures that:

* All snacks and drinks which we provide are healthy, balanced and nutritious.
* We will obtain, record and act on information from parents about a child’s dietary requirements, preferences, and food allergies that the child has, and any special health requirements.
* We will under the food standards rules (December 2014) give parents/carers important information about the snack we provide for children or ingredients children cook with. Under the new ruling 14 major allergens have been identified. We will highlight to you when our food contains any of the items.
* Fresh drinking water is available at all times.
* The dietary rules of religious groups and also of vegetarians/vegans are known and met in appropriate ways.
* Milk provided for children is Semi-Skimmed and pasteurised.
* Food hygiene matters, forms part of the new employee induction process. Food Hygiene level 2 certificates are held by all members of our staff team.
* Parents providing packed lunches are informed about what can be stored safely and about appropriate food content; i.e. the exclusion of all nut/chocolate products. Parents are asked to include ice-blocks in children’s lunch bags.
* We will notify Ofsted within 14 days of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on our premises.

This policy was reviewed on 28th July 2020 and replaces that which was adopted by Patcham Village Pre-school on 5th July 2019.

Signed by

Manager (Janet Hornsby)

Date: