**03.6 Policy on Hot Drinks**

**Staff and Children**

Hot drinks pose a potentially serious risk to young children. Our priority is to ensure that no child is at risk of injury from spillage of a hot drink.

At the same time, there are times when adults (staff, parents and other visitors) enjoy hot drinks and their wellbeing is improved by having them.

In addition, staff often provide hot chocolate for children as part of outdoor play and forest schools practice.

This policy aims to lay down guidelines to ensure that the preparation and consumption of hot drinks at the Nursery School poses no risk to children.

**Staff Drinks**

Staff should make all drinks in the kitchen. Under no circumstances should a kettle be used in a classroom.

All hot drinks to be consumed outside of the kitchen should be in a non-spill cup with safety feature.

**Children’s Drinks (Forest School)**

Hot Chocolate is often served by staff outside if the weather is cold during Forest School. This is an opportunity for children to gather and share a social time and is also valuable for learning.

All hot chocolate is served by an adult and checked that it is an appropriate temperature.

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