**OSCAR CLUB FOOD MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Aims

Oscar Club will adopt a policy that will ensure that the standards of table manner and behaviour which is expected will be consistent. Meal times should be a happy social occasion for staff and children alike.

General Procedures

* Individual dietary requirements will be respected.
* A list of allergies and special/cultural eating requirements will be displayed on the wall in the kitchen and staff made aware of which children have allergies or special/cultural eating requirements.
* Cultural differences in eating habits will be respected.
* Staff will set a good example of table manners.
* Children will be encouraged to say “please” and “thank you” and to sit still at the table.
* Children will be encouraged to wait before starting their meal until all the others are also ready to start.
* Conversation will be encouraged but shouting will not be allowed.
* Any child who shows signs of distress will be treated without any fuss and have the opportunity to eat later.
* Children not on special diets will be encouraged to try a piece of everything.
* Staff will set a good example by eating at the same time as the children and trying different foods when available.
* Children who are slow eaters will be given time and not rushed.
* Children will be encouraged where reasonably possible to wait until everybody has finished before starting on their dessert.
* Menus for snacks and breakfasts will be displayed for parents/carers and children to see.

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Signed on behalf of the Voluntary Management Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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