



THE  
**NEW GUILD**  
TRUST

Whole School Food Policy

## **POLICY**

This policy has been adopted on behalf of all four academies in The New Guild Trust:

**Moorpark Junior School  
Jackfield Infant School  
Alexandra Junior School  
Alexandra Infants' School**

### **Approval and Review**

Committee to Approve Policy	Trust Board
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Chair of Trustee Board / Academy Committee	Mrs L Eagle
Signature	<i>L Eagle</i>
Accounting Officer	Mrs K Peters
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## 1. Legislative Framework

This policy has due regard to statutory legislation and national guidance, including, but not limited to the following:

- Sections 512, 512ZA, 512ZB, 512A, 512B and 533 of the [Education Act 1996](#), as amended
- Section 114A of the [School Standards and Framework Act 1998](#)
- The revised standards for school food came into force on 1 January 2015 and are set out in the [requirements for School Food Regulations 2014](#).
- [Food Information \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2019](#).
- Natasha's Law

## 2. Intent

The policy supports Ofsted's commitments to assess pupils' knowledge of how to keep themselves healthy and The New Guild Trust's ethos of healthy eating.

## 3. Application

This policy applies to all staff, pupils, parents, governors, and partner agencies working within our academy schools and covers the areas of:

- Break time snacks
- Milk
- Water
- School Lunches including Packed Lunches
- Curriculum
- Breakfast Fun Club
- Events and Celebrations

### Break Time Snacks

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit or vegetable snacks daily as part of the Government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

Any snacks that are brought from home will be restricted to fruit or vegetables unless recommended by a doctor on medical grounds (e.g. dietary need, diabetes, etc.)

### Milk

The Nursery Milk Scheme provides 1/3<sup>rd</sup> pint (189ml) of free milk a day for under-5s attending Nursery.

### Water

Drinking water is available for all pupils throughout the day and pupils will be encouraged to drink water at frequent intervals. All packed lunch pupils have access to water at lunch time meaning there is no need for an additional drink to be brought as part of a packed lunch. Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day that they can refill as necessary. Bottles go home at the end of every day to be washed and returned.

No drinks other than water will be brought into school by pupils unless recommended by a doctor for medical needs.

### School Lunches including Packed Lunches

The New Guild Trust purchase a SLA with Stoke-on-Trent City Catering for the provision of all school meals and menus are planned and prepared according to current legislation. Meals are adapted and special menus prepared for specific dietary needs.

We will provide Universal Free School Meals for children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and encourage parents to take up this offer. We are committed to providing food which is compliant with all national guidelines.

Any meals taken as part of on or off school site visits/residentials will provide a balanced and healthy approach to meals and complies with the National Food Standards.

### Curriculum

Food, its production and preparation is an important part of the curriculum for all pupils and is taught across the curriculum through Science, PHSE, P.E. and Design and Technology. We reinforce our delivery of the national curriculum by holding additional events e.g. healthy eating week.

### Before and After School Club / Holiday Club

Food provision is compliant with the National School Food Standards. Relevant staff have basic food hygiene and preparation certification. Children in the clubs have regular opportunities to discuss healthy eating as part of their general activities.

### Events and Celebrations

At Christmas and at the end of the school year classes may have a class party or class treat during the school year. We will provide a balance between treat foods and healthy fruit and vegetables at these times and ensure dietary needs are met for all pupils.

## **4. Monitoring**

We consult annually with our catering provider in reviewing school meals to increase pupils' opportunities to make healthy choices and further improve school meals.