01 Health and safety procedures

01.3 Kitchen

General safety

- Doors to the kitchen are always kept closed.
- Shutters to hatches are kept closed when cooking is taking place.
- Children do not have unsupervised access to the kitchen.
- Children are not taken to the kitchen when meal preparation is taking place.
- Staff do not normally take tea breaks in the kitchen unless there is no alternative, in which case, tea-breaks are not taken in the kitchen when food is being prepared.
- Wet spills are mopped immediately.
- Mechanical ventilation is used when cooking.
- A clearly marked and appropriately stocked First Aid box is kept in the kitchen.

Cleanliness and hygiene

Staff at Maidenbower Preschool Playgroup follow the recommended cleaning schedules in Safer Food Better Business (SFBB).

- Floors are washed down at least daily. (Council)
- All work surfaces are washed regularly with anti-bacterial agent.
- Inside of cupboards are cleaned termly.
- Cupboard doors and handles are cleaned regularly. (Council)
- Fridge and freezer doors are wiped down regularly. (Council)
- Ovens/cooker tops are wiped down daily after use; ovens are fully cleaned monthly. (Council)
- If dishwashers break down, washing up done by hand is carried out in double sinks, where available, one to wash, one to rinse.
- Where possible all crockery and cutlery are air dried.
- Plates and cups are only put away when fully dry.
- Tea towels, if used, are used once. They are laundered daily.
- Any cleaning cloths used for surfaces are washed and replaced daily.
- There are a mop, bucket, broom, dustpan, and brush set aside for kitchen use only.

- Any repairs needed are recorded and reported to the manager.
- Food handlers/cooks/domestic assistants adhere to Safer Food Better Business at https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/safer-food-better-business

- Chip pans are not used.

Further guidance

Safer Food Better Business: Food safety management procedures and food hygiene regulations for small business: www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/safer-food-better-business