

Food Supervision Procedure

To minimize the risk of children choking while eating teachers will ensure:

- children are seated and supervised, by a teacher with a current first aid certificate, while eating
- food provided by the Centre is prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidance
- parents are provided with a copy of the Ministry of Health guidance so they are informed of the requirements
- food choices provided by the Centre meet the nutritional and developmental needs of each child
- parents are aware of the importance of providing food that meets the nutritional and developmental needs of each child

If a child brings in their lunch box, food that is not acceptable, under the Ministry of Health guidance or food that needs to be altered, to meet the Ministry of Health guidance, Little Magpies teachers may choose not to alter the food supplied however they will closely supervise the children while eating the food. Teachers will however remind families of the requirements and encourage them to follow the guidance recommended by Ministry of Health.

If a child chokes while eating the supervising teacher will use their first aid skills to help the child and attempt to remove the food causing the choking and the parents will be phoned.

We encourage our families to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines as suggested by the Ministry of Education.