



Food Safety Policy

The Green Room Foundation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Food Safety Act 1990 and The General Food Regulation 2013 have both been considered in the drafting of this policy. Being an alternative educational provision The Green Room needs to be able to provide its students with the option of food during their lunchtime whilst ensuring their well being and health.

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Purpose

Food provided for students must be sourced from, prepared in, and then provided to pupils in clean and safe conditions by appropriately qualified staff (staff who have at least Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene for Catering). Any food provided must be edible, within date, and provide the sustenance within reasonable practicality required for pupils to be able access all of their Green Room activities. It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that this happens.

Responsibilities of staff

The Green Room will implement it’s Food Safety Policy through the following methods:

- Carry out a yearly food safety risk assessment of the premises, create action points and act upon them. See [“The Green Room School Food Safety Risk Assessment”](#)
- If any changes occur that would alter the responsibilities of staff and the working environment, responsible staff members are to organise an inspection of the premises; this should be carried out by the Health and Safety administration at the borough of the relevant Local Authority
- Carry out a daily cleaning process to ensure all work surfaces remain clean and hygienic for food consumption by pupils and staff.
- Wear appropriate hygiene equipment such as gloves, hairnets and apron when serving the food provided.
- Ensure that any staff preparing lunches at The Green Room adhere to the environmental health standards and are aware of any dietary requirements/allergic reactions Green Room pupils may have.
- Ensure that hot food served at any Green Room provision does not drop below 65°C

Control of Infection

- The Green Room undertakes precautions and procedures to minimise any cross contamination and to control the risk of infection.
- The Green Room follows a strict cleaning procedure. The areas to be cleaned will include all areas of The Green Room Schools, including kitchens and toilets, that are accessible on the ground floor or by stairs. Cleaners are not required or allowed to access walls or roofs. No step ladders or ladders are provided.
- The kitchen cleaning schedule in the kitchens are to be completed as directed. The main cleaning schedule is to be reviewed and amended when changes to environmental health guidelines advise it.

- Staff at GRC use The Swan kitchen which is cleaned prior to use and afterwards in line with Environmental Health Agency prescribed standards, consistent with cleaning in all other school lunch kitchens across the Foundation.
- Cleaning schedules for each site including during Covid-19 or similar, and cleaning schedule records are available to staff on the H&S drive.

Health & Safety

Staff must adhere to the following cleaning health & safety guidelines:

- Appropriate personal protective equipment - gloves, apron, brush etc must be used. These are found in the cleaning cupboard. The office must be informed if any new equipment is needed.
- Safety instructions on the cleaning products must be followed. All cleaning products will be provided by The Green Room and adhere to COSHH regulations. The office must be informed when it is time to replenish products.
- Legionella checks are carried out monthly. The temperature for hot and cold taps are tested and must comply with regulation - under 20 degrees C for cold water and over 50 degrees C for hot.
- If anyone has been ill with a sickness that causes vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away from the school for 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection.

Serving Food During a Pandemic

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, new measures have been put into place regarding how food is served in school. All standard food hygiene measures are being continuously met, in addition to the following:

All pupils and staff are required to sanitise their hands before being given their lunch.

All food is served by a staff member.

Pupils and other staff members are no longer allowed to help themselves to extras/toppings to avoid cross contamination.

Pupils and staff are handed their cutlery, as opposed to picking out their own, except at GRC where pupils can select a single piece of each type needed.

Clearing Dishes during a Pandemic

<p>GRW: Pupils and staff members put their used crockery and cutlery straight into the dishwasher themselves to</p>	<p>GRC: Pupils and staff are supervised as they wash their own crockery and cutlery, which is then put through a</p>	<p>GRK: All used crockery and cutlery is placed into a dish of hot, soapy water after being used.</p>
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This policy is approved by the CEO of The Green Room Foundation Ltd.

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CEO
