

St Alban's Pre School

6.7 Food Play Policy

- The food is stored in the kitchen only.
- Plan 'messy' food activities **after** taking into account children with food allergies.
- To alert staff to any health or allergy issues, images of children at risk are displayed in the kitchen in line with GDPR regulations.
- Check all 'food for messy play' prior to use to make sure it is not out of date
- Keep the food with the activity and not around the room.
- Food used for messy play should be presented in ways that make the food appear differently to the way it would be presented for eating, e.g. in trays (small and large), with added food colouring, raw or dried when normally eaten cooked etc.
- Food should only be used in 'messy play' when something significant is planned for specific areas and to support children's learning and development.
- Children should be discouraged from eating 'play food' along with putting any equipment used into their mouths.
- Play food must never be left overnight in the Pre School.
- Dried food should be inspected for possible reuse.
- Dried food that can be reused should be stored in a container labelled.

This policy was adopted by	St Albans Pre School	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	<u>23 January 2026</u>	<i>(date)</i>
Date to be reviewed	<u>23 January 2027</u>	<i>(date)</i>
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