

Beech Lodge School
FOOD AND DRINK POLICY (EXAMS)
2024/2025

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations.

Approved/reviewed by	James Thorpe
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Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Names
Proprietor	Daniela Shanly
Head of Centre	James Thorpe
SENCo	Sara Doherty
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Teaching staff	All staff
Access arrangement facilitator/Exams Officer	Sara Doherty/Shelley Hopper

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Purpose of the policy

This policy confirms that Beech Lodge School reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow food and drink in the examination room, and confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed regarding food and drink in the examination room
- appropriate arrangements are in place for the management of food and drink in the examination room

1. Food and drink in the examination room

- Food and drink is allowed in the examination room at the discretion of the head of centre (ICE 18.2)
- To enable invigilators to check these items quickly and efficiently:
 - food brought into the examination room by the candidate must be free of packaging and in a transparent container
 - drink bottles must be transparent with all labels removed which would include transparent, reusable plastic bottles (ICE18.2)

The following arrangements are applied at Beech Lodge School:

- Food and drink are allowed in the examination room only where:
 - food is free from packaging and in a transparent container
 - all labels are removed from drink containers and drink bottles are transparent
 - Food must not be crunchy or messy, so that it does not cause a distraction to other students when being eaten
 - Where students bring a drink that is not clear (e.g. milk), a visual examination of the drink/container will be undertaken prior to the student entering the exam room
 - Where a student brings a bottle with a large lid, the bottle and lid will be visually inspected prior to the student entering the exam room

2. Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

- Through briefings, ensure candidates are aware of the regulations, and centre-specific arrangements, relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Ensure invigilators are trained and aware of the regulations/centre-specific arrangements relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Escalate any issue or breach of centre-specific arrangements to the relevant senior leader for the application of internal sanction(s)

- Escalate any breach of JCQ regulations immediately to the head of centre (a breach of the regulations constitutes suspected or actual malpractice)

The role of the invigilator

- Be vigilant in the examination room and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice (ICE 20.2)
- Record what has happened and actions taken on the exam room incident log in relation to any breach of regulations/centre-specific arrangements regarding food and drink in the examination room

The role of the head of centre

- Report to the awarding body immediately all cases of suspected or actual malpractice in connection with the examination (ICE 24.3)