



## Hot Drinks Policy

### Amendment History

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### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency amongst staff and volunteers who work within Walton and Weybridge Children's Centres when providing support and education for families.

All staff employed by Walton and Weybridge Children's Centres should work to ensure that this policy is implemented within the centre and in their everyday practice.

A serious scald to a young child can be devastating, and the vast majority of scald injuries are caused by hot drinks: every week, hundreds of babies and toddlers are rushed to hospital having been scalded by hot water from a kettle or a hot drink.

The most common age for a scald injury to happen is the age of one. Young children learn by exploring – they can pull themselves up on their legs, stretch and reach all sorts of things, using new skills of which parents may not be aware.

Hot drinks stay hot enough to cause a serious scald up to 15 minutes after they've been made, and very young children suffer more severe scalding as their skin is much thinner than that of an adult.

Also the nature of a scald from a hot drink can make them particularly nasty. The majority of injuries are 'pull-down' injuries – the child pulls the cup or mug over themselves – causing serious scalding and potentially scarring that may be visible for a lifetime.

**Both Walton and Weybridge have adopted a No Hot Drinks Policy in the centres when children are present. The only time that hot drinks might be made available is when parents are on their own without children and there are no children in the same room e.g. an evening course, parenting course when children are in a separate room. Water is always available for parents and children**

**If a parent comes in to the centre with a hot drink they will be asked to either dispose of it or to drink it outside the centre grounds before coming in.**



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