Healthy School Lunches

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Looking after our lunches

As part of the Healthy School Lunches programme, schools are responsible for:

- Food safety when receiving and distributing lunches
- Organising waste and surplus for pickup
- Reporting issues promptly

Temperature

- Follow supplier instructions about lunch handling for temperature control.
- Keep hot and cold foods separated

Hygiene

- Wash hands thoroughly before handling lunches or cutlery.
- Secure hair and any loose clothing.
- Cover any wounds.

Sickness

- Do not handle lunches if you are ill.

Allergens

Allergens can kill

- Keep special diets separated from regular meals.
- Seek clarification if you think a dietary meal is incorrect.

When something goes wrong

Things that could go wrong include: foreign matter, spoiled food, mislabelled dietaries, faulty packaging, undercooked meat, illness.

Follow these steps if something goes wrong:

- **IMPORTANT!** Retain the problem lunch/es and any foreign object. Refrigerate the lunch. Take photos.
- **URGENT!** Immediately notify your school lunch coordinator.
  If they are not available email **school.lunches@education.govt.nz**

Name: _____ Job Title: _____