

# FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

## 2025/26

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations

Approved/reviewed by	
David Martin	
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### Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of Centre	David Martin
Senior leader(s)	Gareth Livesey-Jones
Exams officer	Michelle Phillips

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Katherine Warrington School is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE refer to the JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

### Purpose of the policy

This policy confirms that Katherine Warrington 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 18.4)

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 (ICE 18.4)

### **The following arrangements are applied at Katherine Warrington School:**

Candidates are permitted to bring bottled water, in a transparent bottle that is free from labels, into the examination room.

### **Additional centre-specific arrangements:**

Students requiring specific food or drink to control certain medical conditions, for example diabetes, are permitted to bring these into the examination rooms, providing they are in a transparent container/bottle and are free from packaging.

Where candidates have bottles with thick plastic lids, the invigilator may wish to remove the lid to check the underside.

## **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)