

PE2158/B: Introduce a maximum temperature for serving hot liquids to children in childcare settings

Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise written submission, 17 October 2025

Thank you for your letter of 11 September confirming the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's decision in response to the petition PE2158: 'Introduce a maximum temperature for serving hot liquids to children in childcare settings'.

The Committee asked for reminders to be issued, through the appropriate authorities, to childcare providers, in particular to nurseries and kindergartens, to highlight the risk of not following the guidance on the appropriate temperature to serve food and drinks to children.

I am writing to confirm that I have asked the Care Inspectorate to issue a communication to all early learning and childcare providers on these issues in response to the Committee's request.

I hope this update is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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