

Dear Parents,

While doing our best to keep up with the DCF rules and regulations, we noticed that some changes needed to be made in regards to the personal lunches and or snacks that the children bring into the daycare. The following paragraph is in DCF's Handbook,

"Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents must not be served to children under 4 years of age, such as, but not limited to, whole/round hot dogs, popcorn, chips, pretzel nuggets, whole grapes, nuts, cheese cubes/sticks and any food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe. Food for infants must be cut into pieces ¼ inch or smaller, food for toddlers must be cut into pieces ½ inch or smaller to prevent choking. This applies to all food, even food provided by parents/guardians."

Here is a list of some of the foods that we have noticed some children bring in their lunches or snacks. These items, as stated above, are choking hazards and will not be given to any child under the age of four while in our care:

Whole or round Hotdogs

Cheese sticks

Cheese cubes

Pretzels nuggets

Popcorn

Chips

Whole grapes

Nuts

Help us to ensure your child's safety here at Elfers Christian Preschool by doing your part to eliminate these choking hazards from your child's lunch and/or snack. Please refer back to the quoted text above to for a better idea of what size foods are appropriate for your specific child's age range.

Thank you for your understanding and corporation; your child's well being is in the most upmost importance to us.

Serving children for Christ,

ECPS Staff