**Xxxxxxxxx Nursery dough making procedure**

Dough for playing with has often been made with flour and water and children usually learn to make this independently. Guidance from the Food standards Agency advises that children under five years and those with compromised immune systems should not handle raw flour unless it has been heat treated.

***Therefore, dough may be made on the stove top in the following way;***

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or

***Heat treated flour may be purchased which children can use independently to make dough***

or

***Flour can be heat treated at nursery by using the following method;***

The flour should be heated to 70°C for a minimum of 2 minutes.

* Pre-heat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas mark 4
* Spread the flour out evenly on a lined baking tray and bake for 5 minutes, stirring half-way through.
* The flour should be heated to 70°C for a minimum of 2 minutes
* The flour should be cooled prior to using

Practitioners and children should always wash their hands after handling flour and playing with/making dough