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■ Tasty treats ... chef Emma Hendry taste testing the food at Habitat Learning.

# Meals all part of childcare service

A NORTHWEST child-minding centre not only caters for "highest possible standards in the care and education for children", it is looking after young stomachs as well.

The centre Habitat Early Learning, opened 18 weeks ago in Hogarth Road, Ferny Grove, beside a tree-lined waterway, has enrolled the services of a fulltime chef, Emma Hendry.

"I certainly see my role as one to encourage good nutritional values, which kids can take on for life.

"However, I'm also trying to introduce them to new foods that they might not get to see at home.

"Especially foods from other nations and cultures," she said.

This week's menu at Habitat has included Spanish, Mexican and Italian meals.

Yesterday, children were served a beef and bean tortilla with salad. Today is a chicken and vegetable bake. Tomorrow is a lamb tagine with cous cous.

Habitat Public Relations Manager Liz Andrews said the centre was dedicated to enhancing nutritional standards in childcare.

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