

## **Spicy Tomato Soup**

## **Ingredients**

- 3 tablespoons of oil
- 2 medium onions finely chopped
- 1 carrot chopped
- 2 leeks trimmed and chopped
- 1 stick of celery chopped
- 900g of chopped tomatoes tinned or fresh
- 2 dried chillies
- 1 litre good quality chicken or vegetable stock
- Salt and pepper to season
- 1 tablespoon plain flour

## Method

- 1. sweat the onions, carrot, leeks and celery in the oil in a deep pan on the hob
- 2. use just enough flour to soak up any fat in the bottom of the pan
- 3. cook for a few minutes and then add stock slowly stir well to prevent lumps
- 4. add the tomatoes and chillies
- 5. season and bring to simmering point
- 6. place pan, with lid on, in a low oven (120 C) for 1 hour, then allow to cool until safe to use in the blender
- 7. blend in small batches can be sieved for a smoother finish
- 8. garnish with chopped parsley and a swirl of natural yoghurt or crème fraiche