

# Love your packed lunch!

Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:



## 1 Starchy Carbohydrates

to re-fuel your body

Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Couscous
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Potatoes



## 2 Fruit and Vegetables

to keep you healthy

Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day

**Choose TWO EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums
- ✓ Small pot of mixed berries or grapes
- ✓ Prepared melon or mango
- ✓ Chopped vegetable sticks: carrots, cucumber, pepper, celery, mange tout, mini corn
- ✓ Salad vegetables
- ✓ Vegetable Soup



## 3 Dairy and Alternatives

for healthy teeth and bones

Don't forget the dairy!

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Milk
- ✓ Cheese – hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread
- ✓ Yoghurt or Fromage Frais
- ✓ Custard



## 4 Protein Foods

for growth and repair

Pack a protein punch!

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Meat
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans



Choose oily fish like salmon once every 3 weeks



## 5 Drinks

to rehydrate your body

- ✓ A large glass of water
- ✓ Semi skimmed milk – or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.
- ✓ 150ml of fresh unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie



## Occasionally!

Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausages

Plain cakes/sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes

