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## The Eatwell Plate



- Fruit and Vegetables eat lots at least 5 portions daily.
- Bread, other cereals and potatoes a good helping, preferably wholegrain or wholemeal varieties, at each meal.
- Meat, fish and alternatives eat moderate amounts and choose lower fat versions wherever possible (e.g. remove the fat/ skin, cook without added fat, avoid meat and fish products containing batter and pastry).
- Milk and dairy foods Eat or drink moderate amounts and choose lower fat versions whenever possible.
- Foods containing fat, foods containing sugar - Make sure these are the smallest part of your diet.

The Eatwell Plate is a food guide to help you understand and enjoy healthy eating. It shows what our diet should look like at the end of a week rather than what every meal (or even every day) should look like.

It demonstrates that we should all be aiming to eat plenty of fruit and vegetables and foods from the bread, cereals and potatoes group – and that high fat and sugar foods should be the smallest part of a balanced diet.

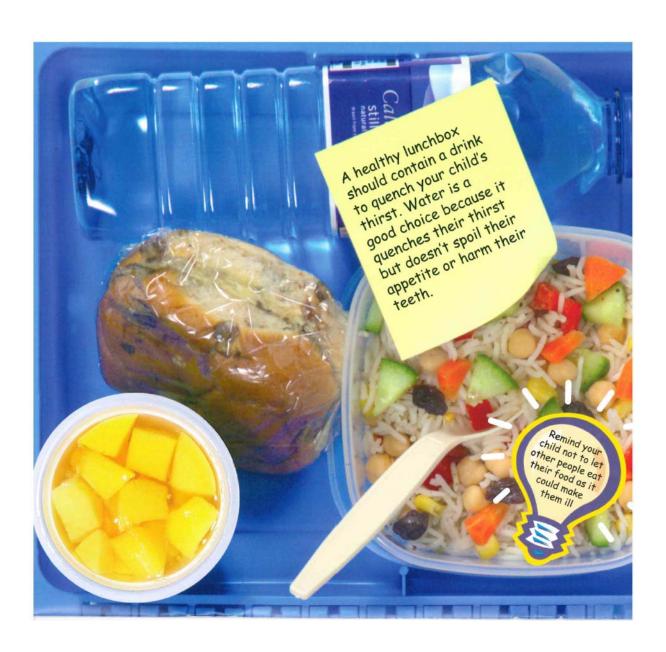
The Eatwell Plate can apply to your child's lunch box and the following pages show ideas for balanced, healthy and tasty lunches.













## Healthy Lunchbox Ideas

Healthy eating is all about getting the balance right. There is room for high fat and sugar foods like biscuits, cakes and crisps, in a healthy diet but these should be the smallest part and many schools will have guidelines about what can be included in a packed lunch. Check that your child's packed lunch fits in with this. Try sweet tasting but lower fat alternatives like dried fruit, teacakes, scones and malt loaf.

Try to avoid including jam and chocolate spread sandwiches. For an equally sweet but healthier alternative, try including some chunky bread, a banana and a plastic knife so your child can make up a fresh banana sandwich. Soft cream cheese and grapes also make a surprisingly tasty and satisfying sandwich for children with a sweet tooth.

Try to avoid including deep fried and pastry products such as sausage rolls, samosas and pakoras

Some more quick and easy lunch box fillers...

Cold pasta salad with a chunky tomato and vegetable home-made or jar sauce Mixed bean salad (you can make your own or use a canned version) Pitta bread filled with grated cheese and carrot Bread roll with houmous and sliced cucumber Corrot cucumber celery and pitta bread sticks with soft cheese

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