## Pack a healthy lunchbox



For a healthy, balanced pack lunch, choose something from each food group. Try to include a variety of different foods across the week to make sure your child gets all the energy and nutrition they need.









**Drink**Milk or water, remember a reusable water bottle or water will be provided by the setting in an open top cup. Unlike fruit and sugar sweetened drinks, water quenches thirst and does not damage teeth.



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## Why is it important to have food from each food group?

Starchy foods give you energy for the day ahead!



Fruit and veg are full of fibre, vitamins and minerals - your 5 a day!

Protein helps you grow and develop



Dairy helps you grow strong bones and teeth



## **Food Labels**

Traffic light labels tell us if the food has high, medium or low amounts of fat, sugars and salt. Try to pick snacks with mainly greens and oranges and avoid the reds. od childs stomony

12%
250
Calories









Is your Childs lunchbox an appropriate size?













**Healthier choice** Common foods Bagel or sandwich with sliced meat and tomato or cucumber Sausage roll High in fat and salt Chicken drumstick with vegetables Crisps High in fat and salt Crackers or breadsticks with cream cheese Fried vegetable samosa High in fat and salt Pita bread or plain naan bread and pot of dahl Small fruit or plain scone with spread or low fat cream cheese Doughnuts and cake High in fat and sugar Chocolate bar Chopped fruit with small portion of High in fat and sugar rice pudding Chocolate spread or jam sandwich No protein and high in sugar Sandwich with sliced meat, cheese. egg or tinned fish with salad Fruit juice or smoothie Water as drink with sliced apple

## **Portion Size**

Guide using your child's hand:





