## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS & CARERS**



#### **PORTION SIZES FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-5**

# We recommend 3 meals and 3 snacks each day

# MILK AND DAIRY — have 3 portions from this list each day. 1/3 Pint of semi skimmed milk 1 cheese triangle Small pot of yoghurt

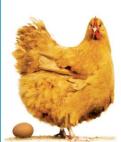


#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES – have 3-5 portions from this list each day

1 piece of fresh fruit e.g. an apple, a banana, an orange, 4 strawberries or 6 grapes.

| 2-3 tablespoons stewed/tinned fruit         | 2 tablespoons of vegetables |
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| Small glass fruit juice – dilute with water | Small side salad            |

| MEAT, FISH AND ALTERNATIVES — have one of these at lunch and dinner |                     |
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| 4-5 tablespoons baked beans   | 2 fish fingers      |
| 3-5 tablespoons minced lean meat                                    | 3-4 chicken nuggets |
| 1 medium grilled sausage  | 1 small fish fillet |
| 1-2 small slices lean ham, turkey or chicken                        | 1-2 eggs            |





| BREAD, CEREALS AND POTATOES — include a portion of these at every meal |                              |  |
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| 3-6 tablespoons breakfast cereal                                       | 2 egg sized potatoes         |  |
| 1 – 1½ Weetabix  | ½ medium baked potato        |  |
| 1-2 slices of bread or toast   | 3-4 tablespoons boiled rice  |  |
| ½ - 1 roll   | 4-6 tablespoons boiled pasta |  |

#### **FATS**

Try to limit these to no more than 1 teaspoon of margarine, mayonnaise or butter per day.

#### **MY SAMPLE MEAL PLAN**

## Fruit and vegetables are important for health - Try to eat 5 portions each day

It is recommended that all children under 4 years are given Prohealth Vitamin D3 drops, available from your local health centre.

|              | OPTIONS  | MY CHOICES |
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| Breakfast    | Cereal with semi-skimmed milk <u>or</u> Toast or bread with low fat spread  Diluted fruit juice, milk or water   |            |
| Snack        | Fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, plain biscuit, crackers or mini scotch pancake with spread.  Milk or water  |            |
|              | Toast, baked potato, tortilla wraps, pitta bread or bread sandwich  Suitable sandwich fillings: meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cheese, hummus, baked beans.  Milk or water                   |            |
| Snack        | Fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, low fat/diet yoghurt, breadsticks, sliced cherry tomatoes or 2-3 small cubes of cheese  Milk or water   |            |
| Evening Meal | Meat, poultry, fish, cheese, eggs, beans or pulses + bread, chapattis, rice, potatoes or pasta + vegetables or salad Fresh fruit, low-fat pudding or low-fat/diet yoghurt  Milk or water |            |
|              | Cereal with semi-skimmed milk <u>or</u><br>Toast or bread with low fat spread<br><b>Milk or water</b>  |            |

