



CROWLEES CE (C) J&I SCHOOL

PACKED LUNCH POLICY

Policy Rational

This policy aims to give clear guidance to parents/carers and pupils on providing a healthy packed lunch.

We believe that a healthy packed lunch can contribute to the health of children and young people and needs to be consistent with the nutritional standards provided by school meals.

The policy applies to all packed lunches consumed within school, on school trips and school journeys taking place during the school day. It also applies to packed lunches provided by the school.

Development of the Policy

This packed lunch policy has been developed by drawing on key government guidance associated with healthy eating and the school day. The Eatwell Plate demonstrates how to get the balance right, by showing the proportion of each of the five food groups that should be eaten each day (see appendix 1).

School meals and packed lunches represent a third of a child's daily intake of foods and nutrients, which presents a great opportunity to promote healthy food choices for children and young people.

Content of Packed Lunches

Foods to include: -

We ask that all packed lunches be based on the Government guidance for food based standards for packed lunches (appendix 1) and should include the following:

- Fruit and vegetables; at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables
- Protein; meat, fish, egg or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus or dhal)
- Oily fish; such as tinned or fresh mackerel, sardines, salmon, tuna
- Carbohydrate; starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes, chapattis and roti.
- Dairy; food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais, or calcium fortified Soya products
- Drinks; water, pure fruit juice (no added sugar), semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt, milk drinks or smoothies.
- NO FIZZY DRINKS
- Puddings; should be fruit based such as fruit salad, tinned fruit with yoghurt or custard, fruity rice pudding, fruit smoothies, fruit based crumble.

Foods to avoid or limit:-

- Crisps, cakes and plain biscuits
- Meat products such as sausage rolls and individual pies.

These items should be included in packed lunches no more than once per week.

Packed lunches should not include any of the following:-

- Fizzy/sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans (including diet or energy drinks which can contain high levels of caffeine and other additives which are not suitable for children)
- Sweets
- Peanuts and any nut products.

If these items are found in lunch boxes they will be removed and returned to a parent at the end of the school day. Children will be offered an alternative of water to replace a drink and fruit to replace food item.

Special diets and allergies

We ask that parents/carers be aware of nut allergies. The school recognises that some pupils may require special diets that do not follow the National Food Standards exactly. In this case parents/carers are asked to make sure that packed lunches are as healthy as possible. For these reasons pupils are also not permitted to swap food items.

As some children in school have severe nut allergies we ask parents to refrain from including any nuts including peanuts or peanut butter in lunches.

Packed lunch containers

We ask that parents/carers and pupils:-

Provide a packed lunch container where food items can be stored securely and appropriately until the lunchtime period. We recommend parents/carers to include an ice pack with packed lunches, to reduce the risk of harmful bacteria growing if left in warm temperatures. Bring packed lunches in reusable plastic containers, rather than disposing of plastic bags and bottles.

Thermos flasks or containers with warm/hot food are not allowed. All hot/warm food in school must be temperature controlled by Kirklees Catering from the school kitchen.

Facilities for packed lunches

We will: -

- Provide free, fresh drinking water
- Provide appropriate dining room arrangements for all pupils, regardless of whether they have a school lunch or packed lunch, and wherever possible, ensure that pupils with a packed lunch and pupils having school meals are able to sit and eat together.

Working with parents and carers

We hope that all parents and carers will support this packed lunch policy. We will offer advice and guidance to parents/carers on packed lunches if required. We offer a range of ways to support parents/carers e.g. regular information on newsletters, special meetings and workshops.

If parents wish their child to begin having a school dinner, one week's notice is required.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the schools agreed policy review process. In addition any major legislative or governmental changes regarding school food may lead to this policy being amended.

Eatwell Guide

Use the Eatwell Guide to help you get a balance of healthier and more sustainable food. It shows how much of what you eat overall should come from each food group.

6-8 a day
Water, lower fat milk, sugar-free drinks including tea and coffee all count.
Limit fruit juice and/or smoothies to a total of 150ml a day.

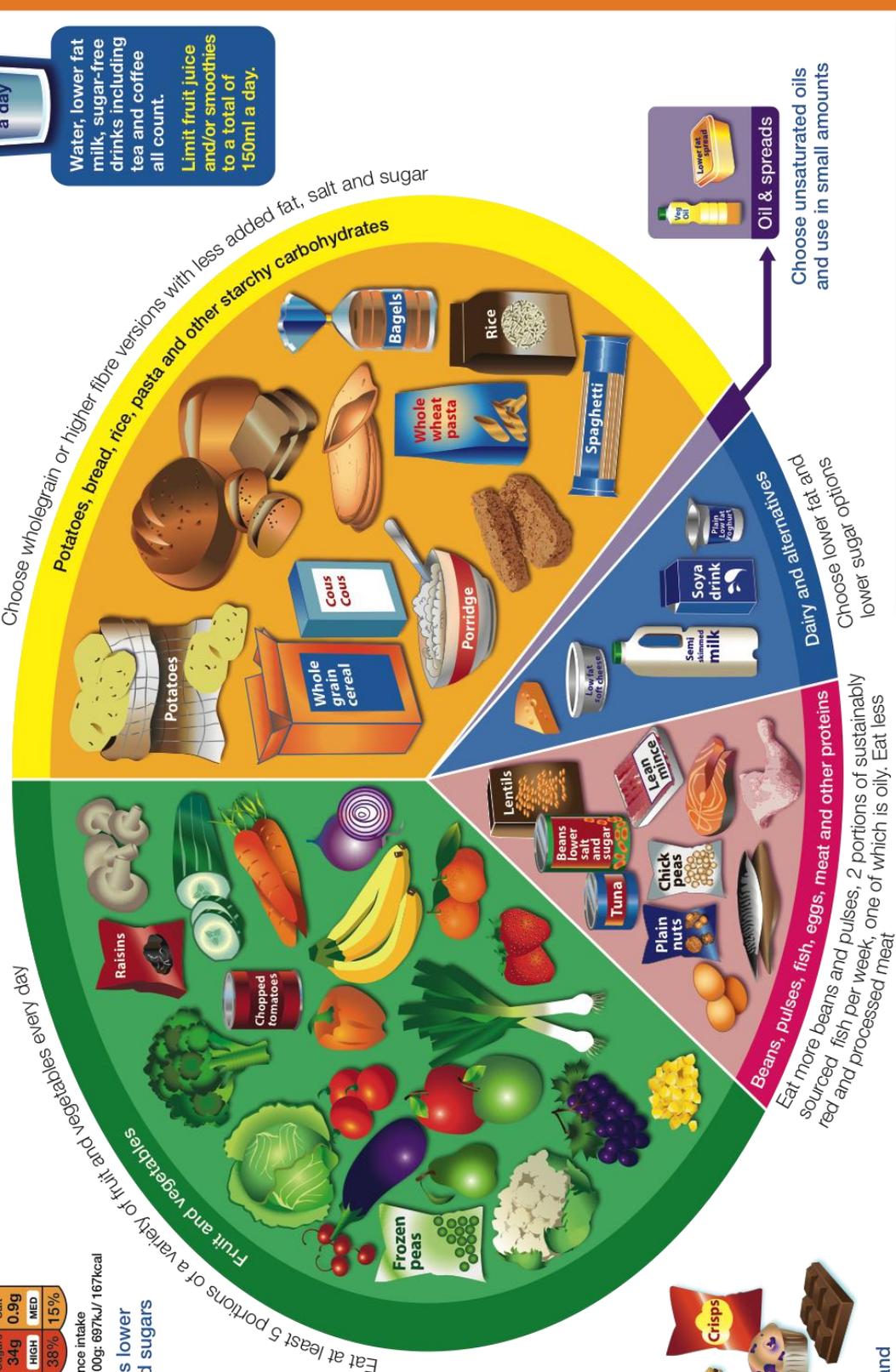
Check the label on packaged foods

Energy	1046kJ	250kcal	13%	Fat	3.0g	LOW	Saturated	1.3g	LOW	Sugars	34g	HIGH	Salt	0.9g	MED

Each serving (150g) contains

Typical values (as sold) per 100g: 697kJ/ 167kcal of an adult's reference intake

Choose foods lower in fat, salt and sugars



Eat less often and in small amounts