Packed lunch guidelines

We are a healthy school. Our school meals meet the Government's nutritional requirements and we have guidelines for parents choosing to give their children a packed lunch.

<u>Dieticians recommend you include each day ...</u>

1 portion of fruit

1 portion of vegetables/salad

1 item of milk/dairy (eg yoghurt, cheese, custard)

1 source of protein (eg egg, fish, cooked meat, falafel)

Starchy food (eg bread, pitta bread, bread sticks, rice cakes, oatcakes, potatoes, rice, pasta, couscous)

Drink – water/100% natural fruit juice/unsweetened fruit smoothies/unsweetened flavoured milk

NB water is available at school.

Foods which are NOT allowed in packed lunches

NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

Dried fruit with added sugars and fat

Fruit bars with added sugars and fat

Yoghurt with confectionary corners (eg chocolate, toffee, crumble)

Pepparami sticks (high in fat and salt)

Sausage rolls (high in fat)

Chocolate and chocolate-coated products

Chocolate spread

Chocolate milk

Cereal bars (high in sugar)

Crisps, Mini Cheddars etc

Flavoured rice/corn/rye bread crackers (eg Snack-a-Jacks)

Cream desserts (eg mousse, trifle)

Cakes

Biscuits

Juice drinks (these have added sugar)

Fizzy drinks

Danish pastries, croissants (these are high in fat and/or sugar)

French fries

Sweets



Friday treat

We think it is important children understand that occasional treats in moderation can be part of a balanced diet. For this reason, we allow children with a packed lunch to have one small treat in their packed lunches on a FRIDAY only.

This could be ONE of the following

A yoghurt with a jam corner

A biscuit

A SMALL cake

A sweetened juice drink

No chocolates, sweets or crisps please.

April 2013. To read the complete Whole School Food Policy please visit the website or ask the office for a copy.