

## Tap water and milk are the best drinks for children

- > Give children as much plain water as they want
- > Give reduced fat milk to children over 2 years old
- > Children can fill up on milk, your child needs no more than 600mls of milk a day



## Safe eating

- > Always watch your child while they are eating
- > Children should sit down to eat
- > Children under the age of 4 years can choke on small hard pieces of food
- > Do not give whole nuts, whole grapes, raw carrots, apple, popcorn and lollies
- > Talk with your doctor if you are worried about food allergies



For more information

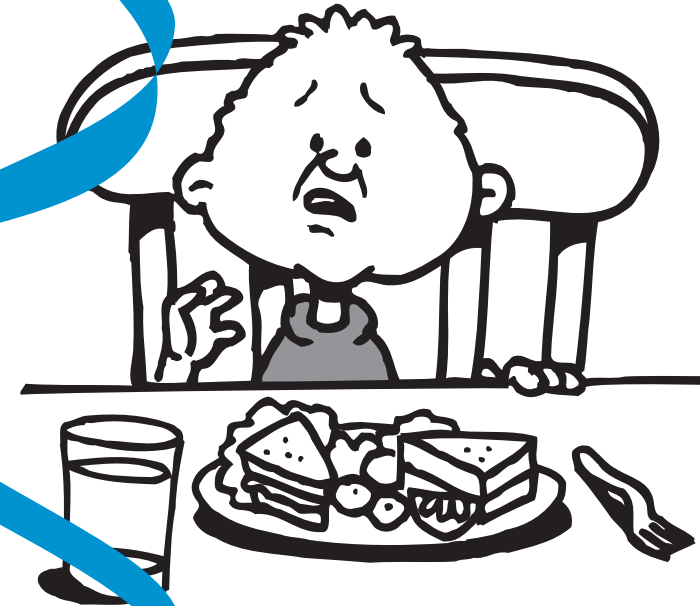
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## Dealing with fussy eating



Tips for families

It is common for toddlers to be fussy eaters.

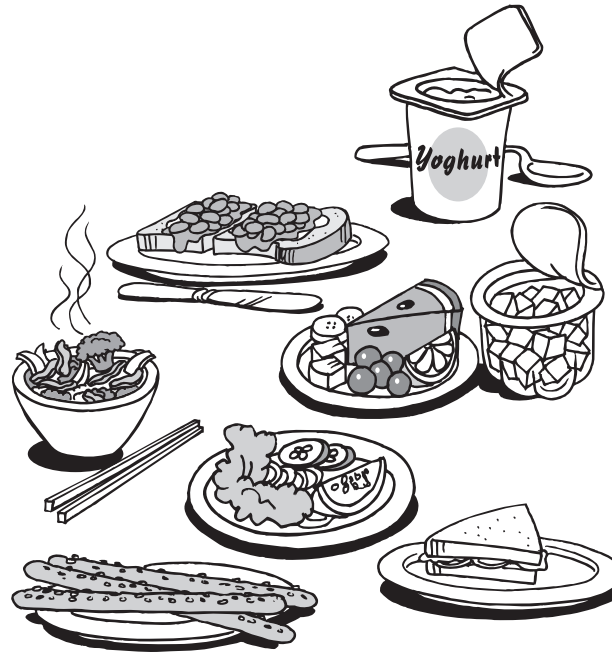
Offer your child a variety of healthy foods. Let your child choose which foods and how much they want to eat.

### Family time and food

- > Children like to share meal times with the family
- > Having a routine at meal times is good for children
- > Keep meal times pleasant, talk to your children
- > Turn off the TV and put toys away
- > Keep pets outside



- > Children have small tummies
- > Offer small amounts of food through the day
- > Serve 3 small meals and 2-3 healthy snacks



### Encourage children to eat but do not force them

- > Children will eat healthy foods when hungry
- > If your child refuses healthy foods, it is best not to offer an unhealthy choice such as chips or sweet biscuits
- > It is best not to give children food as a reward, for comfort or to keep them busy

### Trying new foods

- > Talk about new foods
- > Offer a new food with one that your child likes
- > You may need to offer new foods 10 times or more, before a child will taste it
- > Stay calm and positive
- > Set a good example and let your child see you enjoying healthy foods
- > Your child may dislike some foods - that's okay

