# **Food Groups**

#### **Fruit and Vegetables**

These are good sources of vitamins and minerals and fibre. Aim to eat 5 portions a day! Choose from fresh, frozen, tinned, dried or juiced. Fruit juice and/or smoothies should be limited to no more than a combined total of 150ml per day.

#### Proteins

Proteins such as beans, pulses, fish, eggs, meat are very important for helping us grow and build muscles. Beans and pulses are a good alternative to meat as they contain less fat and are higher in fibre and protein. Try to eat 2 portions of fish a week, and try to reduce intake of red and processed meat.

Oil and Spreads Choose unsaturated oils and spreads and use in small amounts. Eat sparingly.

### Carbohydrates

Starchy foods such as potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and cereals should make up just over a third of the food you eat. These are important for giving us energy. Choose higher-fibre, wholegrain varieties, such as wholewheat pasta and brown rice, or simply leave skins on potatoes.

## Dairy and Alternatives

These are a source of calcium which is important for strong teeth and bones. Choose lower fat and sugar options.

Food and Drinks High in Fat and / or Sugar Eat less often and in small amounts.

