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Dear Principal,

Healthy eating resources to support parents

All schools are encouraged to advocate a consistent message about healthy eating, as per the <u>Food in Schools Policy</u>. This means all food and drink provided and consumed within the education setting should be nutritious and of good quality. School meals are a great choice, however if parents decide to provide a packed lunch, or morning break or snack, the following guidance may be useful for healthy eating tips and ideas.

- Are you packing a healthy lunch?
- Healthy breaks for schools
- Healthy Choices Choose wisely: advice for parents on nutrition and activity for primary school children



In addition, parents or teachers may wish to make use of the <u>Public Health Dietitians</u> - <u>YouTube Channel for free videos</u>. I would suggest the following would be the most beneficial to parents:



- Healthy lunchbox and snack ideas
- Healthy eating during the primary school years
- Feeding the under 5's
- Fussy eating
- Nutrition for teenagers
- Constipation in children

For your convenience I have attached a flyer which details how to access the videos. By sharing the flyer via school newsletters, sharing platforms or social media you will be playing a key role in improving public health amongst your staff, pupils and the wider community.

Yours faithfully,

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