



A guide to toddler portion sizes

The Five Food Groups	One toddler-size portion is about:
Bread, rice potatoes, pasta and other starchy foods • offer at every meal and at some snacks • choose whole grain often	 ½ - 1 slice wholegrain or white breads, muffin, roll or pancake 3-6 heaped tablespoons of wholegrain or fortified breakfast cereals without sugar coating. There is no need to add extra sugar – sweeten naturally with dried or fresh fruit instead 5-8 tablespoons of hot cereals like porridge made up with milk 2-5 tablespoons of rice or 1-3 heaped tablespoons of pasta ½ - 1½ egg sized potatoes or 1-3 tablespoons of mashed potatoes ½ - 3 crispbreads or 1-3 crackers
Fruit and vegetables offer at each meal and some snacks	 ¼ - ½ apple, orange, pear or banana 3-10 small berries or grapes 2-4 tablespoons raw, freshly cooked, stewed or mashed fruit 1-3 tablespoons raw or cooked vegetables, especially dark green, orange and yellow ones
 Milk, cheese and yoghurt 3 toddler portions per day no bottles of milk 	 3-4oz (100-120ml) whole cow's milk as a drink 1 small pot (125ml) yoghurt or fromage frais 2-4 tablespoons grated cheese Cheese in a sandwich or on a piece of pizza 3-6 tablespoons custard or a milk pudding Give whole milk rather than lower fat milks from 12 months of age until at least two years of age, from a cup or beaker
Meat, fish, eggs, nuts and pulses • 2 to 3 toddler portions per day	 2-4 tablespoons ground, chopped or cubed lean meats, fish or poultry ½ - 1 whole egg 2-4 tablespoons whole or mashed pulses (peas, beans, lentils, hummus, dahl) ½ -1 tablespoons peanut butter or 1-2 tablespoons ground chopped nuts
Food and drinks high in fat and sugar only include very small amounts	 1 digestive biscuit or 1-2 small biscuits 1 small slice cake 1 teaspoon butter, mayonnaise or oil 1 teaspoon jam, honey or sugar 3-4 crisps or sweets 1 small fun-sized chocolate bar