Portion Size Guidance

The easiest way to ensure that the portion is the right size for the person eating it is to use **their hands** as a guide. This method works for all age groups of children and adults.

Wholegrain Carbohydrates Bread Cereals Pasta Rice Other grains Aim to have a portion at every meal Fruit and Vegetables Choose whole pieces of fruit Limit processed fruit to one portion per day e.g. fruit juice, smoothie or dried fruit. Choose a range of different colour fruit and vegetables Aim to have a minimum of 5 portions per day Foods high in protein Choose sources which are high in iron e.g. dark fleshed meats and fish and pulses. Choose lower fat meats Aim to eat 2 portions of fish per week one white portion and one oily. Aim for at least 2 portions per day **Dairy Foods rich in Calcium** Choose low fat alternatives Dairy alternatives such as nut milks, oat based milk and soya should be fortified with calcium if used. Aim to have 3 portions per day. **Foods High in Fats and sugars** Some fats are essential to our body but only required in small quantities. Limit processed fatty and sugary foods to weekly rather than daily snacks.