Small changes can make a big difference

Your handy guide to healthy habits



By making some small changes, you and your family can enjoy a more energetic and healthier lifestyle. In this handy guide, you'll find some great ideas to get you started.





Ideas for eating well

- Put the Be Food Smart app to the test in the supermarket and cut down on salt, sugar and sat fat! Replace the reds with the greens.
- Aim for a day where everyone has their 5-a-day of fruit and veg. How long can you keep it up?
- Get hydrated! Aim for six glasses of water in a day.
- Turn your kids into food detectives and get them to use the Be Food Smart App to scan labels in your kitchen.
- Get creative and cook a Change4Life recipe from the Smart Recipes app or our website.
- Out shopping? Try skipping the snacks and sweets aisle completely, and get the kids to help choose healthy alternatives such as fruit or nuts.
- Get the whole family involved in making a healthy meal, from buying ingredients to preparing, cooking and serving up.
- Chuck the choccies and biscuits and swap them for fruit, low-fat yoghurt.
- Swap salty snacks like crisps for popcorn (without sugar or salt).
- Sign up for Meal Mixer on the Change4Life website a 4-week plan to help you cook healthier meals.
- Swap sugary breakfast cereals for plain ones with added fruit.
- Lose the frying pan for a week and try grilling, baking, steaming or poaching instead.





Ideas for moving more

- Kids aged 5-18 years need to be active for 60 minutes a day. Check out our fun Shake Up games online, inspired by all their Disney favourites.
- Use the bus to get about? Get off two stops early from your usual stop and walk the rest of the way.
- Find fun on the go. Open up The Fun Generator app, discover an activity and get going!
- Organise a weekend walk with the family. Looking for ideas where to go? Search for Explore Kent.
- There's nothing like a kick-about to get you moving. Play a kids v parents football game so everyone's involved.
- Make the housework fun! Set the family a ten-minute clean-up challenge and work as a team to your favourite tunes.
- It's fun to get around on two wheels, so dust off your bikes and organise a family ride.
- Choose some music you love and have a family dance-off. Kids will love the challenge of learning new steps or a routine and grown-ups can strut their stuff too!
- Too cold or wet for the kids to play outside? Make a secret den indoors and get everyone to help build it.
- Treasure hunts are a fun way to keep kids walking and running from place to place.



You can start with just one small change

Eat well, Move more

You can find loads more ideas, hints and tips online at:

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