

USING AN EXCHANGE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN OTHER SETTINGS AT SCHOOL

Morning Tea and Lunch



- If your students eat in the classroom, they can use their regular communication files to make choices and request items from their lunch boxes.
- If your students eat outside, make a small flip book for each student with the key words for what is in their lunch boxes. It is not much good John having the exchange card for chocolate in his file when Mum has sent carrot sticks.
- If a student eats independently, it may be a backward step and jeopardise the student's independence to make him ask for each item in his lunch box. However, you could hide the whole lunch box to provide an opportunity for the student to ask for something before beginning to eat independently.
- Be aware that students will sometimes request items they do not have but can see in other students' lunch boxes. They may go so far as to borrow another student's exchange card to ask for the desired item. A little sharing does not hurt now and again.
- You can have each student ask to go to play after they have finished eating, by having an exchange card for play in each student's file. Another opportunity!