

# **Common Sense Eating Principles**

**The way food is eaten is very important for absorption during digestion. Here are a few general common sense principles which are easy to apply.**

- First and foremost do not become fanatical about your diet – eating should be fun and enjoyable
- Everything in moderation – including alcohol, coffee and dairy
- Eat slowly and chew your food well
- Do not overeat - use common sense and stop eating before you feel full
- Focus on your food whilst eating – do not read, watch television or engage in arguments whilst eating
- Do not drink cold drinks whilst eating – cold impacts and slow down the digestive process
- Eat regularly
- Make breakfast your biggest meal of the day
- Do not eat your dinner too late – especially before going to bed as this results in incomplete digestion of food, bloating, sluggishness, constipation and poor sleep.