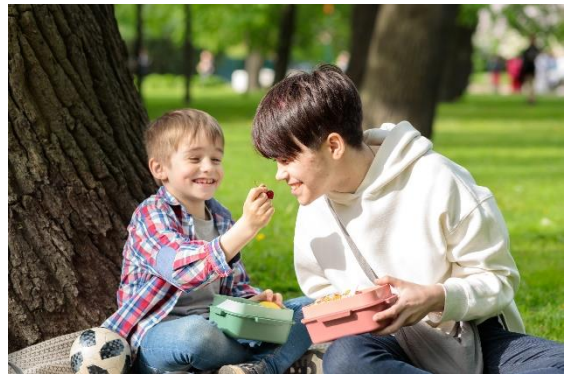


Top tips for creating family picnics

Picnics are a great social event that you can enjoy with the children and families at your setting. Involving parents in their child's learning is essential to supporting good outcomes for children so think about engaging with parents to plan a fun family event.

1. Plan a date and time that best suits the majority of your parents. This might be a late afternoon, a weekend day or a breakfast picnic
2. Send the invites out in good time so parents have as much notice as possible to organise their plans
3. Check families' preferences for picnic foods and information about any allergens
4. Ask parents about their child's favourite outdoor games, so you can incorporate these into the planning
5. Ask parents about any specific activities they may wish to share at the picnic, for example, playing a musical instrument, a favourite story or poem, or leading a specific game to play from their own childhood, culture or background
6. Create an activity you can all join in together, for example, a scavenger hunt for items in and around your picnic area
7. Use the opportunity to spend informal time with families, getting to know them and learning more about the family and child.



Products to support you

- [Online training: Home Learning Environment](#)
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