The Packed Lunch Safety Handoff

Follow the cold food from home to lunchtime.

A lunch is ready only when its handling plan is ready.

Example: an adult confirms school refrigeration, prepares two cold sources, and checks the bag before departure. The child knows whom to ask if the storage arrangement changes.

01 Map the lunch journey

Confirm the actual times and storage.

Departure time / eating time

School storage arrangement

Perishable items in this lunch

School contact for a failed handoff

02 Prepare the cold-food equipment

Apply the USDA guidance to this lunch.

Insulated bag / container

Cold source one

Cold source two

Equipment prepared by / when

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03 Assign the departure check

Keep adult responsibility explicit.

Food stays chilled until this time

Adult performing final check

Child's appropriate supporting job

Arrival instruction to practice

04 Review the handling

Correct a failed arrangement before repeating it.

Storage problem reported today

Leftover handling instruction

Tomorrow's necessary change

Person confirming the new plan