# **Dear Expecting Mothers,**

Welcome to our maternity classes! As you embark on this beautiful journey, it is important to maintain a healthy diet to support both you and your baby.

## **Key Nutritional Guidelines:**

- Fruits and Vegetables: Aim for at least 5 servings a day.
- Whole Grains: Incorporate brown rice, whole wheat bread, and oats.
- Lean Proteins: Choose lean meats, fish, eggs, beans, and nuts.
- **Dairy:** Include low-fat milk, yogurt, and cheese for calcium and vitamin D.
- **Hydration:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day.

#### **Foods to Avoid:**

- Raw or undercooked eggs, meats, and seafood.
- Unpasteurized dairy products.
- Caffeinated beverages in excess.
- High-mercury fish, such as shark and swordfish.

## **Supplement Recommendations:**

Consider discussing prenatal vitamins with your healthcare provider, particularly folic acid, iron, and DHA.

For any questions or personalized dietary advice, feel free to reach out during our classes.

### Wishing you a Healthy Pregnancy!

Sincerely, Your Maternity Class Team