Being healthy

A guide to being your body to thrive supporting your body to

A guide to living healthily.

Let's make a start!

Remember...

"Show up.
Be safe.
Work hard.
Progress."

Coach Joe, Founder & CEO **RESULTS** inc

What's in this guide?

- → Top tips to help you succeed at being healthy
- → Guidance on nine core areas:
 - Activity

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The human body can thrive on a variety of diets and nutritional styles. There is no perfect diet. What matters more is following core concepts. Being healthy is all about looking after yourself!

First things, first.

Be kind to yourself and make it easy to succeed.

Being healthy should be fun. If it isn't then it's not going to be easy to maintain.

Before we dive into the nine core concepts, here's six key points that you should consider carefully and remember!

It doesn't matter how many meals you eat each day.

If you want to alter your weight, <u>total</u> <u>calories consumed</u> is what matters, not meal frequency.

Eat breakfast if:

- you like it OR
- it helps you to make smart food choices for the rest of the day.

Skip it if you want to!

Rigidity is correlated with losing *less* weight and an inability to maintain any weight lost.

Be kind to yourself and **be flexible.**

Prepping ahead of time can make everything a lot easier.

Take time to figure out what works best for you.

Carbs are evil? Fats are awful? **Nope.**

There's no need to demonise a particular macronutrient.

Pick a style of eating that you enjoy.

Create a supportive network of people around you.

Do your friends and colleagues help you with your goal?

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Be active

Aim for 2-3 workouts per week, every week.

Be active daily - walk, cycle, stretch. Do whatever you enjoy!

Try not to sit down too much. Break up extended periods of sitting wherever possible.

Manage stress

Be kind to yourself.

Find your favourite way of unwinding. Walks, a relaxing cup of tea, whatever you enjoy!

Try meditation, the Headspace app is great!

Sleep

Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep each night & be consistent with your bedtime.

Don't use electronics or screens 1-2 hours before bed.

Keep your bedroom cool and dark.

Avoid caffeine after 2pm.

Supplements

Use wisely to supplement healthy eating & not to replace it.

The following can be worth considering:

- → Protein powders
- → Vitamin D3
- → Fish oil

Use examine.com to review information about supplements

Alcohol

Drink less.

Pick lower calorie options.

Don't let alcohol influence your food choices (plan ahead!)

Hydration

Drink plenty of water (2-3 litres a day).

Carry a water bottle with you.

Add fresh lemon or lime for taste.

The three macronutrients are protein, carbohydrates and fats.

Protein

Eat plenty from varied sources.

Eat more - fish, eggs, protein powders, beans, lentils and meat are all rich sources of protein

Eat less - fried and processed foods.

Carbohydrates

Eat more carbohydrates if you enjoy them and you are more active.

Eat more - fruit, vegetables, rice.

Eat less - pastries, crisps, sweets.

Fats

Eat a range of healthy fats.

Eat more - nuts, avocados, oily fish, hummus.

Eat less - fried foods, processed meats, cakes.

You should completely avoid trans fats.

They can be found in some refined foods, pastries, margarines and cakes.

Fibre and micronutrients

Vitamins and minerals help you to thrive.

Make sure you eat plenty of fruit and vegetables (they are also low calorie and fill you up!).

You can use a multivitamin or greens powder if needed.

Home truths (are you ready?)

If you want to make progress you will have to make changes.

This may include making some sacrifices.

Don't be surprised if you make slow progress if you eat and drink to excess at weekends.

Be honest with yourself and remember social media doesn't always show you real life.

There is no quick fix.

It takes consistent effort and time.

Messed up? Do not worry! Just get back on track as soon as possible.

No waiting till Monday...

and no quitting.

"Live the healthiest life you can enjoy, not the healthiest life you can tolerate."

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