

# *Eating Etiquette*

Good table manners are important and we expect you to eat properly with a knife and fork.

- Always say "thank you" when served something. It shows appreciation.
- Always cut toast in half
- Always chew and swallow all the food in your mouth before taking more or taking a drink
- When eating soup, tip the bowl away from you and scoop the soup up with your spoon
- When eating rolls, break off a piece of bread before buttering. Eating it whole looks tacky
- When you have finished eating, and to let others know that you have, place your knife and fork together, with the prongs on the fork facing upwards, on your plate.

## Things you should not do:

- Never lick or put your knife in your mouth
- Never chew with your mouth open. No one wants to see food being chewed or hear it being chomped on
- It is impolite to have your elbows on the table while you are eating; but it is ok between courses
- Don't reach over someone's plate for something, ask for the item to be passed
- Never talk with food in your mouth
- Never use your fingers to push food onto your spoon or fork
- It is impolite to slurp your food or eat noisily
- Never pick food out of your teeth with your fingernails