



BARMERA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our mission is to educate, inspire and assist all children to value and respect differences and achieve their full potential.

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education sent out the following information to all Principals today.

“Needles have recently been found inserted into fruit. There is a danger that children eating fruit could consume a sharp object, which creates a choking hazard and potential perforation of the digestive tract or airway.

The following actions must be undertaken:

- Fruit should continue to be served as part of care and school service in canteens, out of school hours care, early years, and breakfast programs or during sporting activities.
- Sites must ensure that all fruit is cut into halves or quarters (if possible) to ensure there are no sharp objects in the fruit.”

If you are providing your child with fruit from home, please ensure that it is cut into halves or quarters to ensure that there are no sharp objects in the fruit.

All fruit consumed at school will be in halves and quarters if possible until further notice.

Natasha Hefford

Principal