

## MAKING SURE CHILDREN HAVE ENOUGH IRON



Iron is important for children's developing brains.



Eating vitamin C rich food such as kiwifruit, orange, spinach, cauliflower, capsicum and broccoli help us absorb iron from plant sources. Spread iron rich foods over the day to increase absorption.

## Simple ideas to include iron at each meal:

- Breakfast Iron-fortified cereals, 2 eggs or baked beans and wholemeal toast with some kiwifruit or orange.
- Lunch Include legumes (e.g. beans, lentils or tofu), fish, poultry or meat in lunchboxes. Some nuts and seeds are also good sources of iron. Include capsicum or tomatoes.
- Dinner Include foods such as red meat, legumes, mussels, fish, chicken, red meat, brown rice, broccoli and leafy greens to boost iron.

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