Reviewer's report

Title: Implementing a free school-based fruit and vegetable programme: Barriers and facilitators experienced by pupils, teachers and produce suppliers in the Boost study

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Major Compulsory Revisions of the article are needed, see comments below.

Positive aspects of the paper: The research aim posed is well defined. The method (interviews and observations) seem to be appropriate in order to give answer to study aim. The method and the process of data collection are transparent and well described.

Unfavorable aspects of the article: data analysis needs to be better illustrated. A thematic map/figure is recommended in order to clarify the process of analysis. Moreover, an additional aim seems suddenly to appear (to report “variation in intervention reached”, in the result part, the first introducing paragraph, the last sentence). That was not originally presented as a study aim!!!???

The result part needs major compulsory revisions in terms of being more processed/condensed. To me as a reader it is not clear and obvious what you found as barriers and facilitators. I have to read your results over and over again before grasping your message. An attached thematic map/figure might clarify the coming results and the readability would improve if the results are divided under the heading Barriers and Facilitators. Furthermore, start with the summary of your results under each heading. Now the summary comes in the end.

A question: Children throwing FV isn’t that a discipline problem, and a barrier to the availability?

Revision of the discussion part: present and select the main findings of the study and concentrate the discussion to the selected main findings. The above revisions suggested demands a review of study conclusion and abstract.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests'