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Dear parent/carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to remind parents and carers of our school policy regarding personal items, particularly fidget toys (focus tools), being brought into school.

While we understand that some children find comfort in bringing familiar items from home, we kindly ask that children do not bring any toys, fidget items, or other personal belongings into school **unless** it has been pre-agreed with the class teacher as part of their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) or Individual Support Plan (ISP).

There are several important reasons for this

- **Distraction from learning:** Items brought from home can become a distraction to both the child bringing them and their peers, which can impact focus and the overall learning environment.
- **Loss or damage:** It can become difficult to manage items while on school premises.
- **Fairness and consistency:** Not all children are permitted to bring such items, and allowing some to do so without a specific educational or support need can cause confusion and upset among other pupils.

We want to ensure that all children can enjoy a calm, focused, and inclusive learning environment. If you feel your child requires a particular support item during the school day, please speak with their class teacher so this can be discussed further.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Hatrick
Deputy Head



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