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Dear parent/carers,

Happy Easter to you all, we are very much looking forward to seeing the children tomorrow.

We are writing to inform you of a small but important update regarding the use of focus tools (fidget toys) in our classrooms.

In agreement with our SENDCo and following your child's ILP/ISP, those pupils who require a focus tool as part of their support plan will be allowed to have **one small focus tool** in school. To ensure these remain effective and non-disruptive, all tools must be **silent and residue-free**, leaving no marks or stickiness on desks or school equipment. This decision has been made to ensure these children can continue to access the support they need while maintaining a calm and consistent classroom environment for everyone.

Children without the need for a focus tool as documented as part of their Special needs education, will not be able to bring one to school. It is becoming increasingly difficult to manage the amount of focus tools being brought to school and the amount that are coming to school are proving a distraction.

This approach ensures that:

- The use of focus tools (fidget toys) is purposeful and managed in line with individual needs.
- Items are kept safe and not misplaced or shared between pupils.
- The classroom remains an orderly, distraction-free space for all learners.

We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a positive and inclusive learning environment.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Ley
Headteacher



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