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Dear Parents/Carers

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing fidget toys into school. We recognise that fidgets can be a really useful tool for some children, helping them to regulate, concentrate and manage sensory needs. However, we are also finding that the growing number and variety of fidgets being brought into school have become a distraction to some children and their classmates.

We also have some concerns about the safety of certain types of fidget toys, particularly those containing gel or liquid, which may split or leak if damaged.

We would therefore kindly ask that, from now on, **children do not bring their own fidget toys into school**.

Please be reassured that where school staff feel a child would benefit from using a fidget as part of their support in school, an appropriate school fidget will be provided. This will remain in school and can be used when needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to keep classrooms safe, calm and focused places for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Roberts
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO)