



Wednesday 20th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Fidget and Fiddle Toys in School**

I am writing to request your support regarding a growing trend we have noticed across the school. Recently, a large number of children have been bringing their own fidget and fiddle toys into the classroom.

While we fully appreciate that these items are often brought in with the best of intentions to help children focus, they are unfortunately having the opposite effect in the classroom. Instead of aiding concentration, they are proving to be a significant distraction - not just for the children who bring them but for those sitting around them. Many of these toys are noisy, brightly coloured or visually distracting.

Furthermore, we have experienced several incidents where these items have become lost or swapped, causing unnecessary upset during the school day. In a few messy instances, liquid or gel-filled sensory toys have burst, causing damage to children's schoolwork and school equipment.

We completely understand that for some children with SEND, sensory and concentrators are a vital part of their learning day. For any child who has an identified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) plan that requires a focus aid, the school provides specific, distraction-free concentrators. These school-issued resources are carefully selected by our staff to ensure they are quiet, safe and genuinely aid learning without disrupting the rest of the class.

To ensure a calm, focused and productive learning environment for all pupils, **we kindly ask that all personal fiddle and fidget toys remain at home from now on.** If your child brings a personal fiddle toy to school, they will be asked to keep it safely inside their school bag until the end of the day. If you feel your child genuinely needs a sensory tool to support their learning but does not currently have this in place, please speak to your child's class teacher so we can discuss how best to support them.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain a wonderful environment for learning.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Skirrow  
Principal