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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Toys in school (including fidget toys)

Recently we have noticed a number of children bringing toys to school, in particular, fidget toys.

Toys in school cause a distraction to learning as well as conflicts in the classroom and on the playground. We also find that toys can get broken or lost easily in school which can be the cause of much distress

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. This includes fidget toys.

We recognise that fidget toys such as 'poppits' are advertised as being for stress relief or as an aid for concentration. Like any other educational resource to support your child in school with their learning, we will provide anything which we deem necessary for individuals as part of our graduated response to supporting children with additional/special educational needs.

If your child brings a toy to school, it can be upsetting for them to be told that they can't play with it or to put it away. Please help us to avoid these situations.

I would be very grateful if you would explain this to your child/ren to avoid any further conflicts or upset.

Many thanks

Mrs Essex

