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Dear Parent/Carer

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Re: Personal Items & Fidget Toys**

I am writing to remind parents that our Covid Risk Assessment states that children should not be bringing anything into school from home unless it is something they need such as their packed lunch box, school bag, PE kits etc.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed that children are bringing in more and more personal items from home which are not needed in school. Can I ask all parents to respect our Covid Risk Assessment and ensure that your child only brings approved items into school.

Some confusion may be arising from the use of fidget toys. These have always been used in school to support children who suffer from anxiety or other related conditions. I understand that fidget toys are now becoming a mainstream 'toy' and some children are bringing in a whole collection of them. This is proving extremely distracting for other children and from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 any non-legitimate fidget toys will be removed from children. Only children with a School Support Plan or who has permission from myself (in writing) due to their personal needs can use fidget toys in school. Even in this case, they should be noiseless and should only be bringing one into school.

If you have any concerns or believe that your child requires a fidget toy please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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