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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Use of Fidget Devices in School

I am writing to inform you of our updated policy regarding the use of fidget tools in school. We fully recognise that certain pupils benefit from having a fidget tool to support focus, self-regulation, or to manage anxiety. However, we have recently seen a significant increase in non-approved fidget tools in school. When used by pupils without an identified need, they, unfortunately, have become a source of distraction in the classroom.

To support a calm and focused learning environment for all, we have introduced a clear fidget tool policy:

- Only pupils with a fidget pass—issued by SEND staff where there is an identified need—will be permitted to use a fidget tool during the school day.
- These students will be provided with a school-approved fidget tool. This ensures equity, consistency, and that the tool meets health and safety standards. This will be the only item they are allowed to use.
- Students must have their fidget pass with them and be prepared to show it if asked.
- Fidgets must not be shared with other students.

We understand and value the individual needs of our students, and this approach allows us to offer support where appropriate, while also ensuring the wider classroom environment remains focused and free from unnecessary distractions.

We kindly ask that no toys or personal fidget devices be brought into school unless your child has already been issued a Fidget Pass. Any unauthorised items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Items repeatedly brought in may require collection by a parent/carer.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a positive and productive learning environment for all pupils.

If you feel your child would benefit from a fidget pass, please feel free to contact us so we can discuss their needs further. Please note that discussing a Fidget Pass is *not* the start of a formal SEN process, but a quick way for us to assess a behavioural need. This request can be initiated via the initial SEN concern form that can be found on the parent portal. For further information please see the SEN policy on the School's website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Watson and Mrs Taylor

(SENCo and SEN Manager)