

Dear Families,

We have noticed that some children are bringing focus tools (sometimes called fidgets) into school from home.

While we understand that these can be helpful for some children, personal items from home are beginning to distract pupils during lessons and are affecting learning. In particular, we are seeing more squishy toys (such as Dumplings, ButterBars and NeeDohs), which are having a negative impact on concentration.

To help keep classrooms calm and focused, we ask that children do not bring their own focus tools into school. If a focus tool is brought in, it will be kept safe by staff and returned at the end of the school day.

Some children may need a focus tool to support their learning. In these cases, tools will be provided by school staff (Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Seaman, or Miss Wild). We mainly use Blu Tack, as research has highlighted that it is simple, effective and does not distract others.

Thank you for your support. By working together, we can create a calm learning environment where all children can do their very best.

Thanks

Mr Tankard