

11th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

TINGLE TANGLE CONCENTRATION TOYS, FIDGET SPINNERS AND OTHER TOYS/BALLS

If your child doesn't already have one, you will – no doubt – have heard about tangle toys and fidget spinners – the craze that has swept the nation! These toys have been linked with assisting children's concentration in class. Indeed, we have issued tangle toys ourselves to key children, who we feel – and on observation – do *genuinely* benefit from having them in class. However, this has now resulted in a number of children bringing them in, from home, both into the classroom and outside on the playground. Whilst we fully understand the fun that these items can bring, we are keen to ensure that they are not used inappropriately in school so we would like to ensure appropriate use with the following:

TANGLE TOYS AND FIDGET SPINNERS

Tangle toys, or similar, less distracting resources will only be allowed in class if we have identified that using such items *genuinely* supports a child's focus and learning. These items, issued by the school, are to stay in class at all times.

Fidget spinners and tangle toys (other than the above) are no longer allowed in class, or outside, and should not be brought in from home. We are not about stopping our children having fun and appreciate how much enjoyment children can get from these items. We do have them in our Kingsfield Coins rewards cabinet, but as with all the items the children choose from there, we ask that they are brought home and remain there. To give an extra dimension in school however, we are establishing a Fidget Spinner Lunchtime Club and will provide a set of Kingsfield spinners for use in the club.

BALLS AND OTHER TOYS

We appreciate children enjoy playing football and ball games, but would ask that you help us to ensure that children do not bring their own footballs into school – school will provide the necessary equipment for playground use.

We have also noticed an increase in other toys (cards, cars etc) coming into school. Again, we would ask that you help us ensure that these stay at home to avoid loss or damage and potential upset.

Thank you for your support with all the above; please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries or questions.

Yours sincerely

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