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Use of focus tools- new policy

Dear Parent and Carers,

At Dereham Junior, we recognise that some children may require additional support to enable them to focus for extended periods of time. We ensure that a variety of resources are available for this purpose, including the use of focus tools. However, we have noticed that a high number of children are bringing in fidget toys from home and using these within the classroom. Unfortunately, not all fidget toys are designed to support focus and staff have reported an ongoing negative impact upon the engagement of learning.

Therefore, we have created a whole school policy designed to improve the use of focus tools (rather than toys) for concentration and focus. A copy of this policy is attached for your reference. Appropriate tools needed to support focus will be provided by class teachers. Please can we therefore ask that you do not allow your child to bring in fidget toys from home for this purpose. We are hugely appreciative of your support in this matter.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the new policy, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Carter
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