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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Use of Focus Tools in School

At Ecclesfield Primary School, we are committed to creating a calm, focused and inclusive learning environment for all pupils. We recognise that for some children, the use of focus tools (more commonly known as fidget toys) can be a helpful tool to support their concentration or manage additional needs. However, we have recently noticed an increasing number of them being brought into school without prior agreement, which has led to distractions in classrooms and occasional friendship issues.

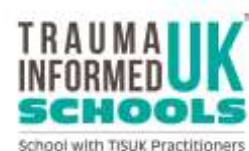
Therefore, we have made the decision that focus tools from home will no longer be accepted in school. Each class has been provided with a box of focus tools that can be accessed by the children in that class and left in school at the end of each school day.

Key Points Regarding the Use of Focus Tools:

- Focus Tools should only be used in school when this has been agreed in advance with your **child's class teacher and/or a member of the SENDCO team.**
- If your child would benefit from a focus tool, please discuss this first with their class teacher or the SENDCO team.
- Once a need has been identified, the teacher or SENDCO will work with you and your child to decide which type of focus tool is most appropriate for use in school.
- Any focus tools brought in from home will be kept by the class teacher and returned at the end of the school day.

Why These Guidelines Are Important:

- Unapproved focus tools can cause unnecessary distractions for other pupils and interrupt learning.
- Bringing in multiple or inappropriate items can sometimes lead to disagreements or friendship issues within peer groups.
- Our approach ensures that any focus tools used in school are genuinely supportive for the individual child and used in a way that does not disrupt themselves or others.





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Next Steps:

- If you believe your child may need focus tools as part of their learning support, please contact your child's class teacher or the SENDCO team to discuss this further.
- Please ensure that your child does not bring any into school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and focused learning environment for all pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Robinson

Head of School
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