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*'Where Every Door is Opened  
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Parents,

Please note that the new fidget craze of 'spinners' are now not allowed in school from today. I had originally explained to the children during Key Stage Worship last week that they were allowed in school during playtimes, but not in the classroom, if they were sensible with them.

Over the last few days we have had a number of instances where children have thrown them at others and children have been hurt so therefore the decision has been made that are now no longer allowed in our school.

I have added the information below for parents. PC Liz Stanton has sent this information through to school in her regular newsletter this morning and has asked us to share it so you can be made aware ...

*What are they?*

*Fidget toys are tiny, pocket-sized toys intended to keep hands busy. A step up from stress balls, they typically feature little buttons, switches and joysticks that move back and forth, or propellers that spin. But the toys are being marketed as stress relievers or to help kids burn up pent-up energy that so often gets them into trouble. Some claim to have been modelled after stress tools for kids with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder); others say they're just for fun.*

*The most popular of the fidget toys are fidget spinners that are mesmerizing to simply watch, but can also be used for tricks. The spinners typically feature two or more propellers and a low-friction, ball bearing centre that allow them to spin for a minute or more at a time. While they spin, users transfer them from hand to hand or finger to finger, while tossing them in the air.*

*However, there are spinners available with blades, retractable blades which are available online – some go by different names such as Naruto Shuriken Turn darts, Naruto Shuriken and Naruto Dragon.*

*Please be mindful for the safety of yourselves and children.*

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera

