



Date: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Our ref: OHD/sjt

Dear Parent and Carer,

Re: Use of Fidget Devices in School

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change regarding the use of fidget devices in school. While we fully recognise that certain pupils benefit from having a fidget aid to support focus, self-regulation, or to manage anxiety, we have recently seen a significant increase in toys and unapproved fidget items being brought into school. These are often swapped or sold between students and, unfortunately, have become a source of distraction in the classroom.

To support a calm and focused learning environment for all, we will be introducing a fidget device policy:

- Only pupils with a fidget pass—issued by staff where there is an identified need—will be permitted to use a fidget device during the school day.
- These students will be provided with a school-approved fidget device, which will be the only item they are allowed to use.
- Students must have their fidget pass with them and be prepared to show it if asked.
- Fidgets must not be shared with other students.

We understand and value the individual needs of our students, and this approach allows us to offer support where appropriate, while also ensuring the wider classroom environment remains focused and free from unnecessary distractions.

We kindly ask that no toys or personal fidget devices be brought into school. Any such items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day or collected by a Parent/Carer where appropriate. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a positive and productive learning environment for all pupils. If you feel your child would benefit from a fidget pass, please feel free to contact us so we can discuss their needs further. This can be done via the parental concerns email address, or to the learning support department directly if your child receives SEND support.

Kind regards

Mrs O Foster

Head of Year 7