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Dear Parents and Carers

Lots of our young people's EHCPs state that they would benefit from a fidget toy / chew toy to help with focus.

We fully support this and can clearly see the benefits of these when they are used appropriately. However, in recent weeks, staff and students have reported several incidents where the fidgets especially have caused distractions and upset in the class. The School Council and Senior Leadership team have discussed this and we have decided to return to the expectation that we will provide fidgets / chew toys to students who need them. There will still be a choice for students, but all fidget toys / chew toys will be provided by the school. We hope that this will support you at home to not feel under pressure to buy the latest model too!

Please support us with this by keeping fidgets / chew toys not supplied by school at home and not bringing them into school.

As with everything at All Saints, we know that for a few students, a comfort toy is part of their positive behaviour support plan - this can continue to happen in the same way in agreement with SENCOs but only one toy will be permitted on the desk and the expectation is that if others are brought in these are kept in bags during teaching time.

We will explain this to all students and bring it into effect for the Summer term. This will give us time to stock up!

We will continue to have prizes for house points, but these items will come home and not be used in school.

To support our pledge to be a sustainable school and to encourage responsibility in students, we will expect students to look after their fidgets and will only replace when necessary.

Yours Sincerely,

Samantha Dangerfield
Headteacher