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Dear Parents and Carers

It has come to our attention that an increasing number of children are coming into school with a variety of fidget toys, soft toys, chew buddies and ear defenders. We always support the use of regulation and sensory aids where they are appropriate but ask that this is discussed in the first instance with our SENDCo, Mrs Lucy Brooks. This will ensure that the sensory aids are suitable for their purpose, without being too large, noisy, or distracting.

Following discussion with Mrs Brooks, any appropriate sensory aids will be written into the formal support plans for children, usually through their Pupil Passport. This will also detail when the sensory aids are best placed to be accessed during the day. There may be some areas of school and some lessons e.g. playtimes and PE, where we suggest certain sensory aids are left in a safe place until they are needed again, as these can ~~prove to~~ be a safety risk.

Sensory fidgets for school use need to be small – usually a suitable size to fit inside a blazer pocket and noise free as some can be quite loud and are a distraction in class. Sensory aids are usually provided by school to ensure they are suitable for use.

If you feel your child needs a sensory aid and you have not discussed this with Mrs Brooks, please contact her via sen@perdiswell.tgacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Claire Evans
Deputy Principal

