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Ref: SE/fidgetspinners

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Dear Parent

Re: Fidget Spinners / Fidget Cubes

Fidget spinners were originally developed as a way for children with ADHD or autism to relieve stress.

It has recently been reported that these palm-sized toys have become the latest "must-have" for many school children in the country.

On video-sharing websites like YouTube, vloggers have amassed millions of views from performing tricks with their fidget spinners. Therefore meaning that they are being treated as a toy, rather than their original intention.

There are a vast array of designs and types available. The main two designs of spinner and the cube are shown below.



As these items are distracting students in lessons, rather than having the original intended effect, and in some cases causing conflict amongst students, the decision has been taken that they should not be brought into school.

We will reinforce this message with students over the remainder of this week. From **Monday 15 May**, fidget spinners will be confiscated from students and will not be returned until the end of term.

I hope that you will support school in this matter by discussing it with your children.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Edmonds
Headteacher

