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Dear Parents and Carers,

Use of Sensory Equipment and Fidgets in School

As part of our ongoing work to support all pupils effectively, I would like to share some information about the use of sensory equipment and fidgets in school.

At Ordsall Primary School, we recognise that for some children, sensory equipment and fidgets can play an important role in supporting regulation, attention and access to learning. Where appropriate, their use forms part of an agreed support strategy, developed in collaboration with the class teacher, SENCO, SEND Manager and, where appropriate, external professionals.

For health and safety reasons, sensory equipment, including fidgets and other sensory resources, must only be provided or approved by the school. Children should not bring sensory equipment or fidgets from home into school. Wherever possible, equipment used in school will meet recognised safety standards, including the BSI Kitemark or equivalent certification.

Due to hygiene and individual sensory needs, chewable sensory equipment (often referred to as chewellery) will usually need to be provided by parents or carers. However, any chewable equipment must be agreed by the school in advance before being brought into school or used within the school environment.

This approach ensures that any equipment used in school is appropriate, safe, hygienic and suitable for the individual needs of the child. We work closely with a range of external professionals, and their advice is considered when determining the most appropriate support.

As with all classroom resources, the use of sensory equipment is monitored by staff to ensure it supports learning, regulation and inclusion, without becoming a distraction, creating dependency or posing any safety concerns.

We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a safe and consistent approach across the school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Karl Hopkinson

Headteacher