



Orchard Primary and Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Bringing toys and other items into school

We are writing to send a gentle but important reminder regarding bringing personal toys and items from home into the classroom or playground.

We understand that children are often excited to share their favourite toys and treasures with their friends, and we appreciate their enthusiasm. However, bringing personal belongings into the school environment can sometimes lead to several difficulties:

1. **Distraction:** Toys can become a significant distraction from learning and structured classroom activities.
2. **Loss or Damage:** This often leads to upset children. The school cannot be responsible for personal items that are lost, broken, or misplaced during the school day.
3. **Disagreements:** Personal toys can unfortunately lead to disagreements, arguments, or feelings of exclusion among pupils regarding sharing.

To ensure a focused, safe, and fair learning environment for all our children, we must ask that, after the half-term break, no personal toys or valuable items are brought into school. This includes small collectibles, novelty pencil toppers, jewellery and small fiddly items unless specifically requested by a teacher (for example, fidget toys requested by teachers/external agencies).

Please ensure your child leaves these items safely at home each morning. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in supporting this policy. Your help ensures that our school remains a positive and focused environment where every child can enjoy their learning and playtime safely.

Kind Regards

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Head Teacher