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Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Sir John Sherbrooke Junior School, we are committed to supporting all children with their learning and wellbeing, through providing the best educational environment for your child.

We have recently noted the appearance of some toys, labelled as 'fidget' toys (including chew toys, ear defenders and teddies) which are being brought into school and on many occasions, are not being used appropriately or effectively.

Sensory and concentration aids can play a crucial role in helping children focus, manage stress, and enhance their overall learning experience. They are particularly beneficial for children who may need additional support to engage fully in classroom activities.

These aids need to be used in a controlled and appropriate manner, ensuring that your child benefits from them without distraction. They need to be of pocket size to ensure they are not a distraction to them or anyone else but a support for the child. Therefore, class teachers will be reviewing the use of these aids in their classrooms to ensure that they are being used effectively.

Children are not permitted to bring these items into school, unless already agreed by myself (SENCo) and the class teacher. If you believe your child requires the use of a sensory or concentration aid, then please speak with your child's class teacher or myself (my working days are a Thursday and Friday). A discussion and assessment will then take place to ensure the most appropriate support is implemented.

Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Marlor
SENCo