

# Langley Park School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Fidget toys

I am writing to inform you of an update regarding the use of 'fidget toys' in school.

In recent months, we have seen an increase in the number of fidget toys being brought into school. While we recognise that some pupils may benefit from the use of a fidget tool where there is an identified sensory or learning need, unapproved fidget toys are increasingly causing disruption in lessons and around the school. This mirrors concerns raised more widely in schools, where such items have been shown to distract students, their peers, and teachers from learning.

In addition to the impact on focus and behaviour, we have unfortunately experienced damage to school property caused by some of these toys.

Therefore, **from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, fidget toys will not be permitted in school or in lessons, unless they have been formally agreed by the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo). Approval will only be granted where there is a clearly identified need supported by appropriate professional evidence. This approach is in line with practices adopted by other schools who have introduced structured, needs-based systems to ensure that only appropriate, non-disruptive fidget tools are used.

Please note that any unapproved fidget toys brought into school may be confiscated if they are seen or used in class.

Students have been informed of this change during tutor time this week to ensure everyone is aware of the expectations ahead of the new arrangements coming into effect.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to maintain a calm, focused and safe learning environment for all pupils. If you believe your child may require a fidget tool due to a specific need, please contact the SENCo to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr S Whittle**  
Headteacher

**Mr J Chinery**  
Assistant Headteacher, SENCo

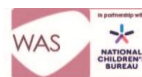
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