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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the beginning of term we have noticed a significant increase in the number of pupils who are bringing to school a variety of plush toys, action figures and other toys etc.

Unfortunately on some occasions, these items from home are causing a significant distraction to pupils from their classroom learning time and in some instances these items have been misplaced, damaged or stolen, causing upset to the young person.

Whilst we understand that some of our young people require a transitional item aiding their journey from home to school, we have also noticed pupils starting to bring items from home who have never done so previously and do so without purpose or a need.

It is for this reason that I am writing to request that unless you know that your child requires a transitional item and this has previously been discussed with their teacher, that pupils do not bring items from home into school.

If a young person does require a transitional item, this is to be no bigger than approximately 20cm x 15cm. On arrival at school it will be expected that this item is then locked away for safe storage and to promote full focus on curriculum learning.

If you need any more information or would like to discuss further, please speak to your child's teacher who can discuss on an individual basis.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Grimwood

Mrs Rachel Grimwood