

Date 24th January 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

Toy Policy

As you will be aware we have a toy policy that allows children to bring in a small toy to play with at breaks. This toy should be:-

- Small enough to fit into your child's tray
- Be inexpensive, in case it gets lost
- Be, one in total

Over the last few months, sadly, we have seen an increase of large to very large toys, expensive toys and an increase to the numbers brought. In turn this has increased the number of disputes between children as well as toys broken or lost.

At a senior staff meeting we discussed this issue and looked at two options. These are:-

- To ban all toys from home.
- To reaffirm the rules regarding toys from home and to continue to allow them, with a review date of Easter 2019.

We have decided to choose the second option, however, should we continue with the upset and loss of school time due to toys being brought in, then after Easter 2019 they will be banned in school. I would inform you of this decision before the Easter break.

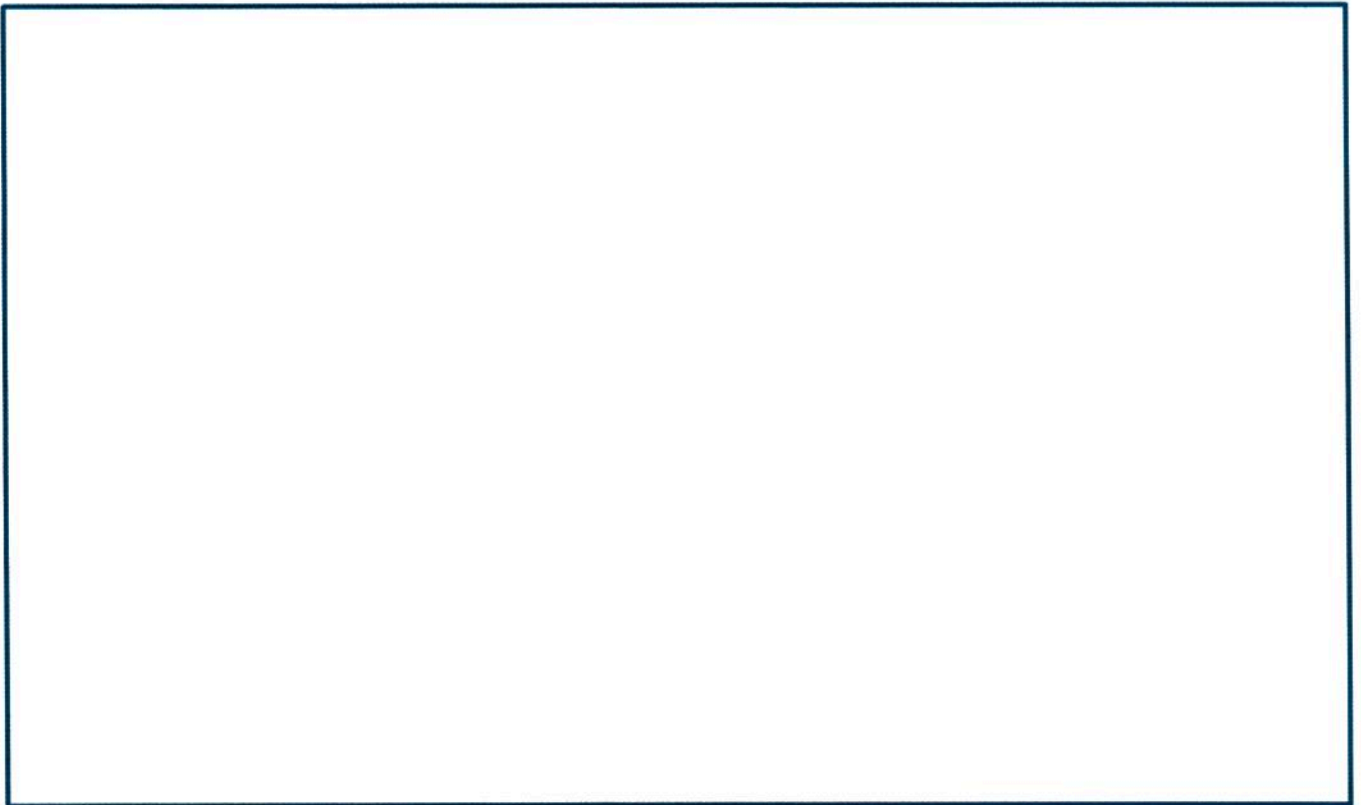
Clarification

1. Parents and Carers should make a judgement at home as to the suitability of a toy. If the toy is too big or expensive or your child has a real emotional attachment, please do not bring it into school.
2. Parents and Carers should not expect school to make this judgement for you. However, toys that do not fit the expected guidelines will be taken away from children and returned at the end of the day
3. The toy should fit easily into a school tray, without being forced in, or without taking out all other items, or causing other drawers to jam or not be closed.
4. Toys should be fun but inexpensive. They are likely to be broken or lost. Toys that promote fighting or wars are not allowed in school and will be confiscated, for example, toy guns and knives.
5. Toys can only be used at break times. They are not allowed to be used in class or in lessons and should be stored in drawers or playtime boxes.
6. If it can be named, then please name it.
7. School staff will not search for lost toys at the start, during or at the end of the school day.
8. Tiny items such as Lego or Polly Pockets are easily lost, so they may be better left at home.

9. Balls should not be brought into school.
10. Presently, football cards remain banned in school.
11. The swapping of toys or giving of toys is not allowed.
12. Electronic toys or any toys that record pictures or sound are not allowed. These would include watches.

Please be proactive with your child and talk about what can and can't be brought into school. I understand how children enjoy having something familiar with them, however, this needs to be with accepted guidelines.

The toy should fit comfortably in the shape below.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Blakeley

Mr Blakeley - Head teacher



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