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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Use of Chewable Fidgets in School

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As the Head Teacher of Glazebury CE Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to address an important matter regarding the use of chewable fidgets within our school.

At Glazebury, we are committed to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment for all our children. We understand that some children benefit from the use of sensory aids, such as chewable fidgets, to help them concentrate and manage their emotions effectively. Chewable fidgets are designed to provide a safe and discreet outlet for sensory needs, particularly for those children who may find it challenging to sit still or focus for extended periods.

We firmly believe in supporting the individual needs of our children and promoting their overall well-being. However, it is crucial that the use of chewable fidgets in school is regulated appropriately to ensure a positive learning environment for all. Therefore, we kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the following guidelines:

- Provision:** All children that have the relevant diagnosis for a chewable fidget will be provided by school, this is to ensure that they are in line with health and safety advice, no necklace devices are permitted, we have a range of bracelet and keyring devices available.
- Permission:** If your child requires the use of chewable fidgets during school hours, please inform us in writing. This will allow us to maintain accurate records and ensure that the necessary support is provided to ensure individual education plans and pen portraits are updated.
- Personal Responsibility:** We will support that these aids are not shared or borrowed between children as this may pose a health risk.
- Hygiene:** It is essential that chewable fidgets are kept clean to prevent the spread of germs. We recommend regularly washing them with warm soapy water or using sanitising wipes. Please stress the importance of maintaining good hygiene practises to your child. If kept in school this will be carried out daily.
- Discretion:** While we encourage the use of chewable fidgets as a helpful tool, we also understand the need for discretion. Children are encouraged to use these aids in a manner that is not disruptive to their own learning or that of their peers.
- Replacement:** Should a chewable fidget become damaged or lost, school will replace the item however should this become as a result of lack of care we reserve the right to review this process.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the smooth implementation of these guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's education.

Kind Regards,
Karen Mowbray
Head Teacher