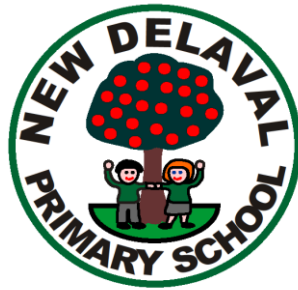


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Dear Parents/Carers,

As more of our pupils are requesting to use concentration tools in school I would like to draw your attention to the following.








I would like to clarify that only concentration tools approved by or provided by the class teacher or SENDCO are permitted in school. These are issued to specific pupils where there is an identified need and are intended to support concentration and engagement with learning.

A range of suitable concentration tools are available in each class and all other toys, figures and fidgets should remain at home unless approved by the class teacher or SENDCO.

Due to recent concerns around the possible toxicity of internal substances and the considerable mess that is made as a result of them popping, squishies **will not** be permitted for use as 'concentration tools'.

Last week we had a squishy burst in class, the contents were almost impossible to remove from a table and a child had tried to put some of the contents in their mouth. This is a **HEALTH HAZZARD** and we can not take the risk with unlicensed products with unknown contents being in school.

On the advice of the High Incidence Needs Team (HINT) all pupils follow the rules shown below :

 The Concentration Tool Rules 	
Rule Number 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can hold my concentration tool in my hand, feel it, move it, and squeeze it. My body and tool are quiet and calm. 	
Rule Number 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concentration tool will stay in my hand, pocket or quietly on my desk. I will not let others notice or be bothered by it. It cannot be used to get other people's attention. 	
Rule Number 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will not throw or bounce my concentration tool, if I play with it or distract others, it may be taken away. 	
 <p><u>It is a TOOL</u> not a toy. It helps me to focus on my teacher and my work.</p> 	

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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