



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Items prohibited in school

We have recently seen an increase in various items which are prohibited in school and therefore, for the avoidance of doubt, please do not permit your child / children to bring the following into school :

- Chewing gum
- Stimulant drinks containing caffeine (eg. Monster, Relentless, Red Bull); high doses of caffeine are unsuitable for children and are often diuretic. They also have extremely high and unhealthy concentrations of sugar. This does not include isotonic sports drinks such as Lucozade although it is useful to remind your son/daughter that these products also have a very high sugar content.
- Aerosol cans, particularly deodorants. These trigger asthma attacks in confined spaces. Any student who needs to use a deodorant product should carry a ball or 'stick' variety.

All of the above are prohibited under the school behaviour policy, therefore staff have a lawful entitlement to confiscate and dispose of them if they are found.

Guidance on jewellery and fidget spinners

- a) Fidget spinners are a relatively recent phenomenon. They may well be a nice toy for a 3 year-old but they are not appropriate for children of secondary school age. Teachers have had to confiscate a number of them this term on account of the disruption they cause in lessons. Please don't allow your son /daughter to bring them into school; our policy is to confiscate them and keep them securely, awaiting parental collection.
- b) **Jewellery** – our uniform policy allows a watch, one ring / bracelet and one pair of ear studs/sleepers. If every student came into school wearing all of these this would amount to 3,500 separate items of jewellery. Please bear in mind that the school does not have insurance in place to cover the loss of any student's jewellery however expensive they may be or however much sentimental value they might have. Similarly there is no lawful way in which I can reimburse students or parents, using public money, for any jewellery lost at school. I would strongly advise parents to ensure that jewellery is kept to a bare minimum and that expensive items, or those of sentimental value, are not brought to school.

I would be grateful for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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