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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Fidget Spinners

Dear Parents/Carers

The article on the reverse of this letter has been brought to my attention which highlights the potential safety risk of fidget spinners.

Please note that fidget spinners are not allowed in school as they are a toy and our policy is that children should not bring toys to school unless agreed for a special activity.

If children do bring them in, the teacher will look after them until the end of the day when they can be taken home.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Boardman
Headteacher

'Chances are that if you have a child, or know someone who does, you'll be aware of the fidget spinner craze.

But local authorities are now recalling some of the 'toys' due to fears over safety.

Hundreds of shops and supermarkets have been forced to clear their [shelves](#) of the addictive pocket toy after trading standards officers from Bath and North East Somerset Council asked for action to be taken to protect younger children against choking and internal bleeding.

The safety warnings refer mainly to the more advanced spinners which feature LED lights with lithium-ion batteries as they 'could cause choking and internal bleeding if swallowed by young children,' *The Independent* reports.

Martin Veale, cabinet member for community services at B&NES, said: 'Fidget spinners are new and currently very popular among young people.

'We want to ensure that, when using these devices, young people are safe

'Our Trading Standards officers have been looking at some of the spinners on sale and found them to have very small dangerous parts, so for public safety it's only right that they be withdrawn from sale.'

However the trend is still going strong and so Veale also issued some advice for parents of children who were still looking to get their hands on them: 'Anyone buying a fidget spinner should purchase it from a reputable trader and ensure the safety warnings can be clearly seen on the packaging.'

If your child does own a fidget spinner already then it is advised that you check they know how to play with them safely and have read through all safety precautions.'