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Dear Parents and Carers

We are sure that you will be very aware that school budgets are becoming increasingly tight. As a result, the school is no longer in a position to afford to provide all stationery for children. From September, we would like to ask you to provide some stationery for your child to use at school. In order to help you and us, we would like this stationery to be as basic, inexpensive and functional as possible. If possible, we would ask that your child brings in a named:

- HB pencil
- pencil sharpener
- rubber
- small 15cm ruler
- glue stick

You could choose to include a small set of pencil crayons and a whiteboard pen. All stationery must be in a basic, small, zipped pencil case. For example:



These are examples of pencil cases that are **not** acceptable:



Pencil cases with buttons/calculators and removeable or pop out elements.





Large, 'hard top', outward-folding pencil cases which will not fit into trays.



Pencil cases with fidget toy elements which will be distracting.

School handwriting pens will be given to children as they receive their handwriting certificates. If your child has already achieved a handwriting certificate, please ensure they have the correct pen (available from the school office) in their pencil case. Other pens will not be allowed.

A water bottle will be provided for each child when they join our school. Replacement water bottles are available to buy from the school office for £2.00.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children must not bring in other items from home. These include toys, 'squishes', collectable cards, jewellery, keyrings etc. Please ensure that these items are not brought into school by your child. These items can distract children from learning and cause issues if they get lost or broken. Staff will not spend any time investigating these issues. If children do bring items from home, they will be confiscated by a member of staff. Any confiscated items would need to be picked up from the school office by a parent or carer. Some toys are available for the children to 'buy' as a reward using their house/learning points – once exchanged, these items must be placed in their bag to take home that day.

Any 'fidget toys' must be agreed by the Senior Leadership Team and will be provided by the school. Any other 'fidget toys' brought to school will be confiscated as above.

In line with national policy, we do not allow smartphones or smart watches in school. We are aware that some smart watches now have 'school safe' settings but, in line with Ringwood School, these will no longer be allowed. Children are allowed to bring a basic non-smart phone (which can only be used for calls or texting) as long as they have a school phone permit and it is handed to their teacher at the start of the day. We do not take any responsibility for these whilst they are on the school site.

Thank you for your support with this which will ensure the children only have the correct equipment in school ready for learning.

Yours sincerely

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