Watercliffe Meadow

8th October 2026

Dear Families,

**Important Notice: Keeping Our School Safe and Squishy-Toy Free**

We need your help to keep our classrooms safe and focused. Starting on Monday 12th October, **squishy toys are no longer allowed at school**.

While these toys are popular and fun, they have recently caused several safety and health issues in schools. We are asking that all squishy toys stay safely at home due to the following risks:

- **Choking hazards:** These toys tear apart easily. Students often pinch, bite, or pull off small pieces that can be easily swallowed or choked on.
- **Chemical odours and irritation:** Many squishies are made with strong artificial scents and chemicals that can cause allergic reactions, skin irritation, or headaches. This has been in the media recently.
- **Classroom disruptions:** Instead of helping students focus, these toys have become a major distraction during lessons and have led to sharing disputes.

If a student brings a squishy toy to school after Monday, our staff will gently collect it and give it back at the end of the school day.

If your child requires a specific sensory tool or fidget for learning support this will be identified in their SEN plan.

Thank you so much for your understanding, cooperation, and partnership in keeping our school community safe!

Yours sincerely,

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