Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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**Toys and Snacks at School**

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we settle into the spring term, we would like to send a reminder to help us to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all our children.

**School Snacks**
Bridgewater is committed to promoting healthy eating habits and ensuring the safety of all our pupils, particularly those with severe allergies. We consulted with the Parent Forum last term and circulated our Food Policy to parents, which included guidance about snacks in KS2 (Years 3-6).
In Early years and KS1 we provide a fruit snack for the children through the Government funded School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.
**KS2 children are encouraged to bring in their own fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at breaktime, or after school. Children are allowed to bring in dried fruit, but not processed/re-formed fruit products (e.g. fruit winders/strings/shapes) or coated/flavoured fruit (e.g. yoghurt coated raisins).**
We understand that some children are bringing in items such as crackers, Mini-cheddars, Pringles, Fruit Yo-Yos etc for their snacks and we would be grateful if parents could restrict snacks in school to fruit and vegetables, as per the policy. Thank you.

**Toys and Personal Belongings**
While we understand that children may wish to bring items from home, we ask that **toys and personal belongings** (including trading cards, electronic games, mini-animal resin figures or valuable items) **are left at home**.
Bringing these items into school can lead to:

- **Distraction** during lessons and break times.
- **Disagreement** or conflict between pupils.
- **Loss or Damage** to the item, for which the school cannot be responsible.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain an organised, healthy, and focused learning environment for everyone at Bridgewater.

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Headteacher