



Tuesday 21st June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Pocket Toys and Trading Cards

I am writing regarding the toys and trading cards children currently bring in to play with during their lunch hour. Our lunchtime staff are noticing that dealing with issues surrounding these toys and cards bought in from home is taking up a significant amount of time. We want adults on the playground at lunchtime to be able to lead play and interact with children as much as possible and as such we have come to the decision that **no toys from home or trading cards should be bought into school anymore**. Any toys or cards bought in going forwards will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the day.

We have more equipment than ever before on the playground during each lunchtime, along with our excellent range of fixed equipment. As such, we feel that the removal of these personal toys and cards won't be detrimental. We are, however, looking to extend the opportunities for role play, small world play and construction during lunchtimes. Therefore, **we ask that if you have any Lego/Duplo, small figures (e.g. Barbies), animals or pretend food/ shop items (e.g. plastic fruit/ tills) that you no longer use at home that you bring them in to the front office**. There will be boxes waiting that you can add your donations to. We are keen to add these to our playground provision as soon as possible and thank you in advance for any donations you are able to make.

Thank you for your continued support.

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