



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Ref: Items brought into school from home

We hope this letter finds you well. As we continue to strive for the best learning environment for our students, we would like to address an important matter regarding personal items brought from home to school.

To ensure a smooth and productive school day for all our students, we kindly ask that students do not bring any personal items to school. We understand that some students may have certain comfort items, such as blankets or toys, which can help ease their transition into the school day. Where these items have been approved by the class team, it is always with the intention of gradually reducing students' reliance on them.

While we acknowledge the role these items can play in supporting your child's comfort and transition, we have observed that such items are increasingly causing issues at the beginning of the day. Instead of engaging with the learning activities, students are often more focused on their personal items. This can create distractions not only for the student bringing the item but also for their peers, affecting the overall classroom environment.

Our goal is to help students build independence and resilience, fostering their ability to adapt to the school environment without the need for home items. We believe that by reducing reliance on these comfort items, students will be better able to engage with the learning opportunities provided and benefit fully from their educational experience.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter. If your child currently brings a comfort item to school, we encourage you to discuss this change with them and help them understand the importance of focusing on their school activities. Should you have any concerns or feel that your child has a particular need that requires special consideration, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class team to discuss further.

Please note that the school will not accept liability for loss or damage to any items brought from home.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership in helping create a positive and effective learning environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Tobin
Deputy Headteacher