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Dear parent/carer,

SAFETY NOTICE: Warning Regarding Dangerous "Squishy Toy" Trend

We wish to bring to your immediate attention a dangerous viral trend currently circulating on social media platforms that has resulted in serious injuries to children both in the UK and internationally.

The trend encourages children to heat soft "squishy" toys (such as NeeDoh or jelly cube products) in a microwave, under the false impression that it will make them softer or "better" to play with.

This is extremely dangerous. When heated, these items can:

- Burst or explode without warning.
- Release boiling contents (gels or chemicals) that stick to the skin.
- Cause severe burns to the hands, face, and eyes.



We ask that you speak with your children about the risks of following "online challenges." Please remind them that content seen on social media is often edited and may not show the dangerous consequences of the actions being performed.

For the safety of all pupils, we would also like to remind families that squishy toys and similar items should not be brought into school. The only exceptions are for pupils who have these items specifically written into their agreed individual support or sensory plans.

Safety Actions at Home

- Ensure all squishy toys are kept away from microwaves and heat sources.
- Encourage your child to talk to you if they see a "challenge" online that they are curious about.
- Report any concerning content you see on social media platforms directly to the provider.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood.

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

