



# Riverside Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to kindly remind all families that **chewing gum is strictly prohibited on the school site**, and should not be brought in as part of a breaktime snack or packed lunch.

Please could we ask you to remind your child of this rule before they come to school. While this may seem like a minor issue, chewing gum poses several significant challenges for our school community:

- **Property Damage:** Discarded gum unfortunately ends up under desks, on carpets, and stuck to playground areas. This causes damage to school property and uniform, and is incredibly difficult and costly to clean.
- **Safety Risk:** Chewing gum during PE lessons, active breaktimes, or classroom discussions presents a genuine choking hazard.
- **Distraction:** It can frequently become a distraction during lesson times and impacts classroom focus.

We ask for your full cooperation in ensuring that chewing gum is left at home. If a student is found with chewing gum, they will be asked to dispose of it immediately, and standard school sanctions may apply if the issue persists.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping us keep our school clean, safe, and focused on learning.

Kind regards,

Mrs Murray  
Year 5/6 Phase Leader



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