



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing in regards to Pokémon and other trading cards. We reintroduced them to the school in September as we feel that it is important to allow the children to explore their interests. However, this was always on the proviso that it was not interfering with the children's education or the smooth running of the school.

Unfortunately, we have found that there have been an increasing number of incidents and disagreements involving the cards. In response to this, we have had a number of assemblies discussing the appropriate use of the cards referencing our golden values of responsibility, integrity and empathy. We have also put in place a number of systems to prevent cards from going missing such as allowing children to be supervised coming in to the school building at lunchtime to place their cards in their lockers or bags.

Despite our best efforts, there continue to be incidents and disagreements which have proved impossible to solve and have absorbed many, many hours of valuable staff time. I'm sure you agree, this time would be better spent on ensuring the delivery of a high-quality education for your children. As a result, we must ask that the children do not bring their cards to school for the foreseeable future.

We are aware that the children, and some parents, will be disappointed and that is not our intention. However, I can assure you that this is not a knee jerk decision; we have worked tirelessly to resolve issues and address problems with the cards. Whilst you may not agree with the decision, I hope that you understand the reasons behind it and that we have worked very hard to avoid having to make it.

Kind regards,

Mr M Aggus

Principal

