

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

The children are continuing to thoroughly enjoy our OPAL play provision and are extremely enthusiastic about the wide range of play opportunities now available to them at playtimes. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, collaboration and enjoyment grow through access to loose-parts play.

To ensure that this high-quality play provision remains sustainable and continues to develop, we do require a constant supply of donated loose parts. As mentioned in the OPAL launch letter sent out at the start of the programme, we will be continuing to collect loose parts for children to play with every morning next week. These items enable children to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during break and lunchtime.

Examples of items we are looking for include:

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels or castors
- Plastic milk crates, supermarket delivery crates, plastic bread trays
- Briefcases, especially hard-cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools such as small spades, shovels, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Keyboards, torches, laptops, calculators, mobile phones, desk phones, webcams or cameras that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets or brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets, bodyboards, camping roll mats or yoga mats
- Wooden and plastic pallets
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Tarpaulin
- Hats, scarves, jazzy shirts, elasticated skirts, waistcoats, wedding dresses and character costumes



- Pegs (to help children set up dens)

If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the main school gate/KS1 gate. Staff will be there to direct you to where the items need to be left. Donations can be brought in everyday during drop off and pick up times.

If you are able to donate, or know someone who could donate, a larger quantity of items such as plastic boxes, crates or pallets, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support with our OPAL. Your donations play a vital role in helping us sustain and enrich play opportunities for all children. We look forward to sharing more of what the children have been enjoying at playtimes very soon.

Yours sincerely

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