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## Outdoor Play and Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may remember pre-Covid, we sent you a letter regarding the launch of an exciting, new project 'Outdoor Play and Learning' (OPAL) to improve playtimes for our children. Our hopes are that this project will change the way our children think, play and learn together. OPAL has won the best active schools' programme award in Europe and also been cited in two Parliamentary Reports as outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods. Unfortunately, due to Covid, plans to develop OPAL were postponed. However, we are once again focusing on playtimes and all staff have recently attended OPAL training.

During the Summer term, OPAL will start to evolve and take shape around school grounds. Children staying in bubbles is causing additional challenges, however; we are keen to get OPAL started and are working hard to find solutions to these challenges. To facilitate this project, we will be using a range of recycled materials.

### How Parents/Carers can help:

If you have any items old or new that you no longer need, our children may certainly make use of. We would appreciate any donations such as:

- Anything on wheels/castors
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets and Spades
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)

OPAL will enable children to access the school field/forest school at all times, therefore if you have any old wellies, we will happily take them off your hands.

We are hoping that in July, we are in a position to invite you all in to demonstrate playtime and see 'Outdoor Play and Learning' in action. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about OPAL **please visit the website** '[outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk](http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)'.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mitcheson

