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Dear Parents,

We need your help!

I wrote to you last week introducing our exciting new project to make our playtimes even better, in conjunction with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC. Here at BRW, we want to promote more active childhoods as well as to improve opportunities for socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment for your child.



The project will officially launch in November 2024. To prepare for this, we will need to buy some new resources, move some things around on the playground and require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Large plastic boxes with lids
- Old car/tractor/lorry tires
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- 'Small world' parts e.g. old dolls houses, buildings, old toy vehicles, characters, animals etc.
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes





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- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character costumes
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)

We know that the summer holidays are often the time during which families 'spring clean' or clear out garages, lofts and sheds. If any of the above items are found in your clear outs, we would love to give them a second home! Additionally, if you have any contacts in your line of work or own friends/family who may be able to donate any of the above, please let us know!

We welcome your donations from now and into September after the summer holidays. If objects are really large, such as wooden pallets, we will do our best to make someone available to help you carry them into school.

There will be more information to follow at a parent's session later in the year when you will be invited to come and play with your children. We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C Hautenne

