Minet Junior School

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Improving Playtimes at Minet Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers,

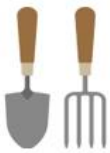
As you are aware, we have recently begun our exciting OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey to make playtimes at Minet Junior School even better.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent and carer survey. The vast majority of you told us that you think playtime at Minet is already good – and now we want to make it brilliant!

You also told us that you would like to see more loose parts available for children to play with. In response, we are hoping to build up our collection of loose parts. These are everyday objects and materials that children can move, combine, build with and use creatively in lots of different ways.

Can you help us?

We would be very grateful for donations of:

Plastic milk crates, supermarket delivery crates and plastic bread trays	Small spades, shovels and trowels 	Traffic cones	Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons and chopping boards	Tarpaulin sheets
Wooden pallets	Tyres	Tubes and pipes of different sizes	Buckets and tubs	Measuring jugs
Dressing-up clothes such as costumes and old wedding dresses	Cable drums/reels	Wheelbarrows	Plastic dolls	Toy cars

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If you, your family, friends or workplace have any of these items that you would be happy to donate, we would love to have them!

If you have a particularly large item, such as a wooden pallet or cable drum, please speak to us before bringing it in so that we can arrange for someone to help.

Please see the OPAL leaflet attached below, *The Power of Playtime!*, for more information about OPAL, the benefits of outdoor play and how families can support our OPAL journey. The leaflet also includes ideas for supporting outdoor play at home.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make playtime brilliant for every child!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Yassin and Mrs Rizwan

Curricular leads for play