Dear Parent / carer

Our school recognises the value of playtime for children. To acknowledge this, we are embarking on a programme called OPAL ‘Outdoor Play and Learning’ and over the next 18 months will be looking to develop both our outdoor space and the play opportunities we offer. As part of the consultation process for this we will be listening to all those involved; children, teachers, parents and our Governing body.

In order to help us, we would like to understand what you think of your children’s school playtimes, find out a little bit about your own play experiences as a child and listen to any ideas you may have for improving play at our school.

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| **How important do you think playtime is for your child?** | | | | | | | |
| Very important |  | Quite important |  | Not very important | | |  |
| **Currently, how much does your child enjoy their school playtimes? (Feel free to ask them!)** | | | | | | | |
| Playtime is good |  | Playtime is a bit boring |  | My child does not like | | |  |
| They would like to do more things at playtime |  | Playtime is too short |  | Playtime is too long | | |  |
| **Thinking about your own childhood, what type of things do you remember playing as a child both at school and in and around your home environment?** | | | | | | | |
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| **Did you benefit as a child from your play experiences?** | | | | Yes |  | No |  |
| If yes, please tell us how (for example what skills to did you gain or how did it help you develop as a child) | | | | | | | |

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| **Do you feel your own child has the same play opportunities to play outdoors as you did**? | Yes |  | | No | |  | |
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| If No, why not? | | | | | | | |
| **If you could do something to address this, would you**? | Yes | |  | | No | |  |
| **If school could improve the play opportunities they offer, what types of things would you like to see and why?** | | | | | | | |
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| **Feel free to add any other comments** | | | | | | | |
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Thank you very much for completing this questionnaire, we will keep you informed on a regular basis as we progress on our OPAL journey. We hope to be able to invite you to attend a play information assembly / session in a few months’ time where we will share the results of our questionnaires and you can hear about the changes we plan to make.

We are particularly keen for parents who can help us collect what we call ‘Loose Parts’ for children to play with. These can be any objects which are safe enough to play with such as wooden off-cuts, logs, pipes, tubes, cartons, pallets etc.

Would you be happy to help and what might you be able to provide?

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Your name: ………………………………………….. Contact no. ……………………………….

*(We will contact you regarding your offer when we are ready for them)*

**Thank you for completing this survey. Please return it to the school by 1st July 2021.**