

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the success of our play day last year, we will be celebrating and embracing the importance of play once again. At Fairlawn, we believe playing gives children space and time to reconcile themselves to, and make sense of, an uncertain world. On top of this, through playing, children are subconsciously exploring their own powerful emotional responses to what is happening around them.

At Fairlawn, we have launched Opal Play because we believe that outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood.

Due to current restrictions, we are in need of more small parts for each 'bubble' to play with.

On Friday 18th September your child will have the chance to bring in any small parts that they would like to donate to their bubble.

Then, after allowing time for the equipment to be in quarantine, on Monday 21st September your child will take part in a play day within their class bubble. They will have time to play inside and outside of the classroom in their designated areas.

On the following page you can find some ideas of small parts your child may want to donate to the class play equipment. At this time we cannot allow any soft toys.

Yours Sincerely,

The Play Team
Fairlawn Primary School



LOOSE pARTs Play

Ribbons & FEaTHERS *EGG cartons and ACorns*

SHELLS and leaVES *wool & string* MILK CRATES AND BASINS

POTS & PaNs *Baking trays & MUD* Sand & SToneS

Kitchen utensils – spOOOns, potatO masher, SIEVEs

Hammer and nails **Sticks and stones** *twigs & felt*

Silk and tin foil **Tarpaulin & DRiftWOOD**

Velcro ROLLERS and Sponges *Brushes AND PAINT*

Dried pasta and PULSES *Guttering and TYRES* **Cardboard**

PLasTIC bottles and TOPs **DOLLY pegs and CURTAIN rings**

FuNNels and WAtER **Plant POTS and wood Palates**

Rope, Wool and RiBBoN **STRAW bales and wood**

KeYs and cove moulding **Bamboo and baskets**

SheetS and ChALK *Hessian and buckets*