

Dear Parents / Carers,

Play is an important part of the learning process in the early years of primary education.

Children gain vital experiences in exploring, imagining and investigating while expanding their language / vocabulary and their mathematical thinking.

Children are also given an opportunity to be creative and express themselves through music, art and drama.

Each day, children in Nursery and P1 – P3 take part in play. It is a very important part of the school day.

Currently we are exploring provision for outdoor play both in the Nursery Unit and in the Primary School. The areas being focussed on are: imaginative, creative, planting, large construction, sand and water, large movement, small equipment climbing and wheeled vehicles.

All of the above areas need to be resourced with equipment. Some of this equipment can be sourced locally which helps us avoid a large financial spend. Attached is a list of items we hope you can help us with. Most of the items can be found at home or in work yards or local businesses. We do not want you to buy anything. It would help us if you could look for these items at home or ask relatives and work colleagues and friends.

In the interests of safety, we cannot accept any items which are damaged, broken or with sharp edges. We are very grateful of any items which you can donate.

These items will be used by children daily as they investigate and explore through play. We thank you in advance for any help which you can give us.

Kind regards,

Nursery Teacher

P1 – P3 teachers

Plastic crates

Large cardboard boxes

Industrial tubing

Cable spools

Tree trunk sections

Various size pieces of wood

Carpet squares

Hose pipe

Ropes and string

Measuring tape

Planks

Cubes

Buckets

Paintbrushes and rollers

Pine cones

Sawdust

Metal dustbin

Pots and pans

Pipes, tubing, cylinders

Hardwood, chipboard, plywood

Guttering, drainpipes

Boxes – cardboard, plastic, wooden

Rugs

Canvas

Tents

Sponges

Ribbons

Pegs, washing line

Spades, hoes, shovels, yard brushes

Light building blocks

Trowels

Kitchen ware

Real kettles, saucepans, cutlery

Watering cans

Sieves

Basins

Please indicate which of the above items you are willing to donate as we do not want multiples of the same pieces of equipment.