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OPAL Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to give you an update on our exciting OPAL project to improve our break and lunchtime offer.

Firstly, thank you for the kind donations made to the school. We really appreciate all that has been provided to us to support the development of break and lunchtime. We have been working hard behind the scenes to get things in place to start to develop what is in place. Our lunchtime staff are currently undertaking the OPAL training and we have identified children to support with the setting out and collection of equipment. We will also have our next OPAL development session in the next few weeks.

Over the next couple of days, we will be introducing new equipment to the playground to add to the sports equipment and music that we already have in place. Our new equipment includes:

- Cardboard boxes
- Construction equipment
- Dressing up items

Part of the OPAL project is that the children can access outside in all weathers and different parts of the outside area throughout the year. To support with this, we ask that all children bring a pair of wellies into school that can be available when they need them. Also, we would welcome any donations of old wellies that you no longer need at home.

Finally, we have attached OPAL's guidance document, 'The Power of Playtime' for your information.

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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