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Dear Parent/Carer

I'm writing today to provide an update on the OPAL developments to our lunch times. Our last 'new resource' was to provide children with tarpaulin, netting and large pegs. We have since seen some brilliant hides being created and lots of children creating hammocks between the trees that we have on site. We have play assemblies once a half term to celebrate these special moments and discuss new resources.

Over the next week or so, we have the grand opening of 'The Beach' and our digging area, so I wanted to write and share the arrangements for clothing and footwear so that your child can safely make use of these areas.

The Beach:

Dry weather – children are able to enter the sandpit in either wellies or bare foot. There will be benches next to The Beach to change footwear and brush off sandy toes.

Wet weather – children **must** wear wellies and waterproof trousers/coats.

Digging area:

Children must wear wellies in this area at all times. Waterproofs must be worn during times of wet weather.

Waterproof coats and trousers are still advised for play outside when it is raining, including when using the beach and mud areas. We have welly storage available in school or children are able to keep their wellies in a bag, in their locker. If you have any wellies or waterproof clothing that your children have outgrown and going spare, please consider donating them to our wet weather library in school.



As always, we are still looking for new and exciting resources to develop the play offer for our children. If you have any of the following items that are no longer wanted, we would love to have them!

- Different sized buckets and watering cans
- Large pots and pans
- Kitchen utensils – ladles, sieves, colanders, whisks, measuring jugs, manual scales etc
- Robust garden trowels and spades
- Buckets and spades
- Any sand play equipment

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Welch
Deputy Headteacher

