

OPAL Play

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We are an OPAL school. We believe children's playtime is just as valuable as their learning time. This means your child is getting a rich experience of play to enhance their overall development.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Play is healthy
- Play reduces stress
- Play is more than meets the eye
- Play and learning go hand-in-hand
- Through play, children develop thinking skills, physical abilities, new vocabulary, social skills
- Positive play leads to better behaviour and concentration



Look out for OPAL news and Stay and Play events in the school newsletter.



As with all OPAL schools, **loose parts** are integral to playtimes at Ivydale. They provide opportunities for different types of play and for learning to plan, negotiate and problem solve.



We collect **loose parts** and turn them into...



...a rocket



...a castle



...fun!

Please help by donating loose parts:

planks of wood
logs
guttering
woodchip
pots and pans
wooden spoons
big cardboard boxes
milk/bakery crates
suitcases

road signs and cones
nets and ropes
tubes and pipes
old laptops/keyboards
foam sheets/bodyboards
cable drums
buggies/scooters/bikes
tarpaulins
tonne bags

small world toys
wellies
barrels and bins
fabric/carpets/rugs
old hoovers
carts/wheeled trolleys
plastic jugs
sand toys
wooden pallets

Please bring all donations to the Bellwood office on a Wed, Thurs or Fri.

