



Friday 28th June 2024

Use of playground and equipment after school

Dear parents,

We are thrilled to share with you that we have opened two more OPAL zones as part of our on-going commitment to improving your child's playtime experience. This week, children have been introduced to the sand pit and the mud kitchen. As part of our OPAL procedures, we have completed a risk-benefit assessment on all aspects of the areas and have briefed the children on the rules and safety elements; they have also visited in classes with their teacher. This gives us the confidence that the children can play as imaginatively and creatively as they choose, whilst staying safe.

The development of the grounds and the areas linked to OPAL have required significant investment, as well as donations from people in the school community, including parents. Without this support, our children would not have the high-quality provision that they do. For this reason, we are writing to you to ask for your support in protecting our equipment. We kindly ask that children do not use any of the playtime equipment or enter the areas, such as the sandpit or mud kitchen, before or after school. Not only will this ensure the equipment is looked after properly, it is also in the interest of health and safety. At playtimes, we have a robust system in place with staff that have been briefed thoroughly on the risk-benefits supervising.

We understand that it is very tempting, as the zones do look very inviting, but we would appreciate your support in re-enforcing this message to the children during drop off and pick up. We are working on plans for a stay and play session for families in the near future as well as the opportunity to explore the whole school grounds further during our upcoming ChaPTA treasure hunt event due to take place on Wednesday 10th July; tickets are still available if you wish to come along and support this event.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Miss Webb

OPAL lead & Assistant Headteacher