



Marchwood C of E Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As part of our commitment to providing creative, engaging, and meaningful learning experiences, we are excited to be developing our **Loose Parts Play** provision at Marchwood C of E Infant School.

Loose Parts Play uses open-ended items—often everyday objects or “rescued” materials, that children can move, combine, redesign, take apart, build with, and use in imaginative ways. Research and practical experience show that when children are given access to varied and intriguing materials, the possibilities for learning and development are endless.

To make this project a success, we would be grateful for donations of safe, sturdy loose parts after the Easter holidays. Examples of items that work brilliantly include:

- **Pipes, guttering, hoses**
- **Bread or milk crates**
- **Tarpaulins, large fabric pieces, sheets**
- **Rope, seat belts, cord**
- **Spools, hose reels**
- **Bike wheels/handlebars, hula hoops, cones**
- **Metal kitchenware (pots, pans, trays, utensils)**
- **Suitcases, small crates, baskets, containers**
- **Skateboards, plastic buckets, large reels**
- **Tyres, Planks**
- **Play sand**
- **Even sheds and old pushchairs!**

A more comprehensive list can be seen overleaf.

Please avoid:

- Glass
- China
- Light/fragile plastics
- Electronics with batteries attached
- Wood with nails or sharp edges

A Few Reminders

- Donations should be **clean, safe**, and in **good working condition**.
- If you have contacts in trades or recycling centres, or can help us source larger items, we would love to hear from you.

Your support makes a huge difference to the richness of play and learning opportunities we can offer. By working together, we can create an inspiring, sustainable environment where every child can flourish - imagining, experimenting, collaborating, and growing in line with our school's Christian values.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about loose parts play, please do get in touch.

Mrs Sally Atkins
Headteacher

Ultimate Loose Parts Starter List

Go-Kart Tyres
Bread and Milk crates
Pallets - Preferably plastic. Wooden has
nails and break easily.
Planks of wood
Tarpaulins/banners
Large pieces of fabric
PVC guttering/Pipes (lots of them)
Rope, seat belts
Large black Buoys - full and cut in half
plastic slides
Old plastic playground parts
Surf boards - remove fins
Boogie boards
Water skis - remove fins
Snow boards - with no bindings
Tent flies
Wheelie Bins
Bike wheels and Handlebars
Hula hoops
Snow sleds
Wooden ramps
Plastic chairs
Hosing
Spools
Paddles
Ladders
Vacuum cleaners
Suitcases

Old keyboards
Old phones
Hose reels
Cones
Hard Hats
Suitcases
Hammocks
Metal kitchenware
Old utensils
Golf Balls/plastic balls
Fridge trays
Sacks
Crutches
Lifejackets
Cricket pads
Motorbike helmets
Cricket helmets
Flippers

TOP TIPS:

 **Avoid breakable items like glass, china, light plastics, and wood.**

 **Heavy duty, robust plastic items are your friends.**

 **Old electronics can be great. Remove batteries and cut the plug off for safety.**