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Loose Parts Approach

Dear Parents,

As you are aware that due to the ongoing pandemic there has been a significant impact on the health and well-being of pupils across the country. One of the biggest concerns has been the lack of opportunity for children to experience unstructured, free play with peers.

At Ysgol Owen Jones we want to ensure your children are supported and that they are ready to learn. As a staff, we have decided that one way forward is to introduce a 'loose parts' approach. After much research, there is significant evidence suggesting some of the benefits of playing with loose parts include: increased levels of creativity and imaginative play; children socialise and cooperate more; they are more active on the playground and it improves communication, teamwork and resilience. We feel that this is something that the children will benefit from and make playtimes and outdoor learning even more enjoyable.

With this in mind; we write to ask for your support. In order to set this up, we require 'loose parts.' This can consist of a wide range of objects such as cardboard boxes, old building materials, left over guttering, materials, tyres and any other 'stuff'.

We have been so overwhelmed with the donations to school so far, so thank you for your kindness, however we are still in need of some items. These are:

- Clothes airers
- Natural materials, pine cones etc.
- Cotton reels
- Buckets (ideally plastic)
- Pebbles
- Old household kitchen trays, baking trays spoons etc.
- Old swim noodles/floats
- Springs/coils

Any old lightweight electronic equipment i.e. cd players, keyboards, old landline phones, video players etc.

If you can be of any assistance to us; please contact the office so we can organise collection. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask to Mr. Caughter, Mrs G Jones or myself (Mrs Evans).

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs L Evans and Mrs G Jones.