



ABINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Outdoor Play and Learning

We are excited to tell you about the launch of our new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). This is a two year project where we will be working with a company called OPAL to improve the play experiences for the children at Abingdon Primary School, especially at lunchtimes. Play is a very important part of childhood and helps to maintain good mental health for children.

More information about the company can be found at their website:

<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

School will:

On **Monday 26th February**, we will start to introduce more play items into the playground at lunchtimes. These will be 'loose parts' where children can use their imagination as they play together. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play.

Parents / carers, please will you:

- Make sure your child brings a coat to school every day at least until the warmer weather of summer.
- Make sure your child wears black school shoes that are suitable for playing outside.
- Be aware that your child may sometimes come home with muddy clothes. This is a normal part of play and nothing to worry about.



Want to find out more?

Come to our OPAL parents' meeting
on
Thursday 22nd March at 9:00



Parent Academy
Middlesbrough & Camden

