



### **Play at The Milestone School**

One of the key principles we adhere to is recognising that play is freely chosen. Play is interesting to the child. Play can involve other people or it can be a solitary activity and it may, or may not involve equipment. And, of course, play may be messy, noisy or dirty.

Play provision at The Milestone School follows the principles laid out in the school's Play Policy, which can be found on the OPAL page of the school website.

### **Loose Parts**

The best way to ensure that play times are as enriching and fulfilling as possible is through the provision of 'loose parts. These are the kinds of materials that you might typically throw away! They can be natural or man-made, and allow children to use their imaginations and work together to combine, separate, transform, transport, line up and redesign in almost endless ways. Some of our most popular items, for example, are old prams and pushchairs!

We have a whole list of items that we always need (please see the OPAL page on the school website), so before you take items to the tip, please remember us! They might just be exactly what we are looking for!

### **All Weather Play**

Many of our children really need to be able to get outside and explore, regardless of what the weather is doing! We strongly encourage parents to provide welly boots and a waterproof top and bottoms, to keep in school. Children also need a spare change of clothes, just in case!

During hot weather, we follow the school's sun safety guidance, and ask that all parents provide sun cream, as well as a hat and sunglasses where necessary too.