



# Repton Manor Primary School

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## BUILD! CREATE! EXPLORE! PLAY!

Our school, Repton Manor Primary School, is about to launch a new and exciting project to improve our children's playtimes, using the **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)** program to improve outdoor play at our school. This program encourages students to direct their own creative play with **loose parts** – recycled and upcycled scrap materials that encourage children to be inventive and imaginative!

### What are Loose Parts?

The idea of playing with scrap materials isn't new. In fact, we have probably all done it before! Loose parts are any materials that can be moved, carried, combined, re-designed, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials to inspire building, fort making, imaginative worlds and active play.

### How can your business help?

We are asking local businesses to donate products or recycling materials for play.  
We are specifically looking for:

Suitcases (any size and type)	Fabric (sheets/saris/curtains)	Guttering
Cable drums	Plastic crates, bins or boxes (any size)	Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
Wooden pallets	Old keyboards/mobile phones/torches/calculators/laptops/kettles	Buckets (any size)
Briefcases, especially hard cased ones	Anything made from foam (not polystyrene), e.g. foam sheets / body boards	Nets and ropes
Road signs and cones	Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, worktables, wooden spoons, chopping boards	Pegs (to help to set up dens)
Tubes of various sizes and various materials	Tools like spades, trowels and brooms	Storage bins
Pushchairs	Sand pit toys and tools	Art easels

Landscaping scraps (wood stumps, cut branches, etc.)	Dressing up clothes and accessories	Small world toys (dinosaurs, lego, duplo, cars, etc)
Old tyres	Large cardboard tubes	Plastic piping tubes / PVC tubes
Wheels	Wood scraps	Pulleys
Tarps	Crutches	Large empty spools (used for wire, chain, rope)

Repton Manor Primary School would be thrilled to have your support in promoting more active and creative outdoor play for our children.

For more information about coordinating material drop-off, please contact one of the two contacts below:

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Many thanks in advance for your help and support with this project.

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