Shoreditch Park Primary School

Play Assembly

Opal®



Boxes

Dressing up

Digging

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What is OPAL?

Outdoor Play and Learning

We want your playtimes to be amazing every day!

We want to make playtimes better so that you can...

- **Be creative and use your imagination**
- **Build amazing things**
- **Move your body in lots of different ways**
- **Learn how to take risks safely**
- **Make new friendships**
- **Discover new things**
- **Explore the world around you**

Playtime makes up 20% of our time in school



That's **1 in 5** minutes in our school day!



Let's look at an OPAL School



Think about what you saw in the video.

What would you like to see in our playground?

Boxes



What games could you play with a cardboard box?

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OPAL Play BOXES

Look after our boxes so everyone can enjoy them.



Play gently

No smashing or ripping boxes.

Keep boxes low

No throwing or jumping on boxes.

Keep boxes dry

Leave boxes under cover when it rains.

Tidy up

Stack usable boxes neatly under the shelter.

Broken box?

Ask an adult to help flatten it.

Build, imagine and play!

Digging area



What rules do we need to agree on to ensure we are safe when playing in the digging area?

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OPAL Play

DIGGING AREA

Dig safely and look after our equipment.



Tidy up

Put trowels and buckets back in the boxes at the end of each session.



Share equipment

Do not hide equipment in the bushes. It is for everyone to share.



Leave tyres in place

Keep the digging-area tyres where they are. Do not roll them around.



Never throw

Never throw equipment.



Move carefully

Be careful when moving with a trowel. Give others space.



Found a large rock?

Give it to an adult.



Dig, discover and play safely!

Dressing up



What rules will we need to agree on when using the dressing up box?

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OPAL Play
DRESSING UP

Share the fun and dress safely.



Share and take turns

Make sure everyone can join the fun.



Dress safely

Make sure you can see clearly and move freely. Keep clothes off the ground.



Before climbing

Take off capes, scarves and loose accessories. Keep costumes away from climbing equipment.



Look after clothes

Put them on gently. Keep them out of mud and puddles.



Torn or broken?

Tell an adult.



Tidy up together

Return clothes to the dressing-up area when you finish.



Dress up, imagine and play!

Tidy up time

As we will have a lot more equipment, everyone will have to play a part in tidying up the playground at the end of each lunchtime.

The whistle will blow at 12.35 for KS1 and 11.35 for KS2 for tidy up time.

All pupils will be responsible for ensuring that equipment is put away in the shed. All pupils will be expected to walk around the playground checking for equipment that needs to be put away.



Everyone has to take part in tidy up time!

Playground Pals: Helping Everyone Enjoy Play!



Now everyone will ensure the playground is tidy and organised, our Playground Pals will:

- **Include others** — invite someone to join your game.
- **Help and encourage** — support anyone who is unsure what to play.
- **Set a great example** — be kind, share and look after equipment.
- **Encourage tidying** — show others where things belong.
- **Share ideas** — help make our playtimes even better.
- **Get an adult** — when someone is hurt, upset or needs help.



Bring/wear your coats and wellies

Resources!

Tidying up

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO

Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic 
Dress up items 	Cars 	Dinosaurs 	Pans 	Plastic dolls 
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Skateboard 	Cardboard tubes 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk 

