

11th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

OPAL Play

We are so excited!

Our plans to develop lunchtimes at Chadsmead is on track. A working party of staff have been meeting with the lead OPAL playleader, and we have planned what our future play at Chadsmead is going to look like over the next 18 months. We can't wait to begin.

<https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/opal-outdoor-play-and-learning-programme/>

BUT....WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for donations of unbroken small items to help us open our first play areas during the summer term. If you have any of the items listed overleaf that you can donate to our OPAL play programme, please drop them into the school office at your convenience over the next few weeks. Alternatively, if you are able to volunteer to sew bunting or have construction skills please let the office know.

Thank you for all your support.

The OPAL Play Team



We are looking for...			
Deckchairs	Picnic Blankets	Cushions	Hammocks
Lego	Duplo	Lego boards	Lego boxes
Small world toys (dinosaurs)	Small world toys (cars)	Small world toys (trains)	Small world toys (characters)
Water play Containers	Watering cans	Old musical instruments	Small world set ups – castles etc
Drainpipe pieces	Flexible drainpipe	Guttering pieces	Unbroken buckets
Walking frames with wheels	Old pushchairs (All sizes)	Old Suitcases	Old car tyres/tractor tyres
Ride on toys (Scooters)	Ride on toys (Trikes)	Ride on toys (Balance bikes)	Ride on toys (Scooters)
Kitchen items (Pots & pans)	Kitchen items (Frying pans)	Kitchen items (Baking trays)	Kitchen items (Spoons/spatulas)
Kitchen items (bowls)	Kitchen items (jugs)	Kitchen items (plastic cups)	Kitchen items (plastic plates)
Unused paintbrushes	Bubbles / bubble mixture	Old dressing up clothes	Chalk, Loom bands & beads
Patterned material for bunting flags			
			
Sewing Volunteers to create bunting and flags			
Future Construction Volunteers!			
DON'T THROW THEM OUT !			
<p>You may have other items that you think we might be able to make use. MyEd the school office to let the play team know. We can let you know whether this is something that we can make use of.</p>			

THANK YOU 😊

