

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY.

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Wednesday 5th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have undertaken a trial of our OPAL Playtime. All children from Year 1 and Year 6 have played together on the field with a variety of play choices from den building to dressing up. Pupil voice has been extremely positive.

"It was the best playtime ever." – Year 3 Pupil

"Today was amazing, you can do anything, and no one will judge you." – Year 5 Pupil.

From Monday 10th June we are launching OPAL every lunchtime. Part of this will involve children playing on the field and as previously shared OPAL is all weather. A waterproof coat is always needed in school as children will be playing in all weather.

As British Summer time can be quite unpredictable, if you would like your child to play on the field during wet or muddy weather they will need wellies. We also suggest waterproof trousers which can be put on over your child's uniform to protect them from mud. On days which are dry children will be allowed on the field without wellies.

We currently have a small selection of wellies in school if you would like your child to participate but do not have wellies, please speak to your child's class teacher with your child's shoe size and we see if we have wellies available.

We understand that you may not wish for your child to possibly get dirty through play if this is the case please do not send in wellies. This will mean that your child will still be outside but will play on concrete areas.

A reminder to ensure that all items of clothing have names in.

Thank you for your support and all the donations of loose parts. You are vital in helping make our OPAL playtimes a success.

Here are links to wellies and waterproof clothing if needed:

Amazon Wellies £11.45 Sports Direct Wellies starting price £5 Sports Direct waterproof trousers starting price £7.50

Kind regards, Miss Lane