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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you already know we are an OPAL school - working to make playtimes and lunchtimes a fun and engaging time for your children. The incredible number of benefits that impact children's wellbeing and development of this kind of play have been well researched and proven.

We write as a reminder that every child needs a named waterproof coat (as well as warm) or a waterproof coat to go over their everyday coat, to wear at lunchtimes. We will endeavour to go out in all weathers, including rain! At present many of the children's coats are not waterproof - they will be on the playground for around 45 minutes everyday at lunchtime alone. Should you need support in any of this please do not hesitate to contact us.

Children will also need a pair of named wellies (if they haven't already) or an old pair of trainers to change into every lunchtime - they may need spare socks too!. Please be aware that these are very likely to get muddy and dirty as all children may play on the school field as well as the playground. With this in mind, please also make sure that your child has a carrier bag or 'bag for life' to store them in, which also has their name on it. Thank you so much.

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of old coats and waterproof coats and trousers to have in school as spares, if you have any! Can I also apologise in advance as we will be sending another 'begging' letter soon for more Opal donations!

Thank you for your support

The OPAL Play Team