

# Loose Parts Play Parent / Carers Guide

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## What are loose parts?

Loose parts are open ended play resources, made up from building materials and other items that evoke the imagination and creation in children. They are materials that can be used in a variety of ways for children playing on their own or with others. Some of the materials in our playground include tyres, pallets, cable reels, wooden planks, crates and pipes.

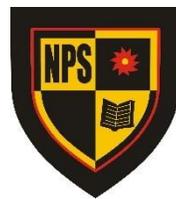


# Why are we using loose parts?

**There are various studies that show the benefits of loose parts play.**

Providing loose parts play in the playground can:

- Improve social skills
- Improve concentration
- Develop imagination
- Develop problem solving skills
- Develop risk management
- Develop gross motor skills
- Increase physical activity

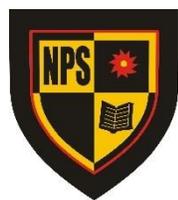


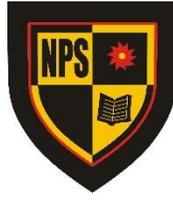
# Keeping Play Safe

## Loose parts play provides an element of risk.

Risky play is beneficial as it creates a sense of achievement and the opportunity to practice the skills of managing risk and problem solving. We are reducing the risk wherever possible by:

- Conducting risk assessments for all play activities and equipment
- Working with the children to risk assess
- Checking materials are safe for use





# How can you help?

We are just building our loose parts collection and filling our loose parts sheds.

You can help by donating loose parts such as:

- Guttering
- Plastic pipes
- Wooden planks
- Crates
- Cable reels
- Left over building materials

