

Appendix 2 – Loose Parts Ideas

Natural Loose Parts		Creative Messy Play	Metal	Wood	Household Items		Building Materials
Acorns Bamboo Earth Feathers Leaves Mud Pinecones Pebbles Sand Shells Sticks Stones Tree Stumps Twigs Branch slices Seeds Dried Beans, Rice and Pulses Straw Bales Long Grass Reeds Sand Soil	Mud Clay Water Bark Seed Pods Dried flowers, berries, leaves Moss Fruit stones e.g. peach Cinnamon Sticks Star Anise Dried orange slices Corn Kernels	Beads Bottle Tops Cardboard Boxes Corks Glass Stones Glue Googly Eyes Glitter Greetings Cards Paint and Brushes Pipe Cleaners Pom Poms Sponges Wrapping Paper Yoghurt Pots Different Papers and Card Paint Sample Cards	Baking Trays Bottle tops CDs Cooking Utensils Muffin Tins Spoons Pots Lids Chains Pipes Joints	Building Blocks Curtain Rings Dolly Pegs Wooden Pegs Driftwood Pastry Brush Spoons Lolly Sticks Wooden bowls or Plates Wooden cotton reels Twigs Stumps Branch Slices	Basin Basket Blankets Buckets Cardboard Clothes Pegs Foam Sponges Ice Cube Trays Lampshades Lego Magnets Potato Masher Pillows Sieves Sheets Shoe Polish Tins Trays Vinyl Records Washing up Brush Plastic Pots Buttons Dried Pasta	Empty Milk Bottles Empty Cans (check edges are safe) Jugs Teapots Empty Picture Frames	Cable Ties Guttering and Pipes Gravel Hammer and Nails Hose Milk Crates Paint Brush Planks of Wood Sand Tarpaulin Tyres Washers Screws Bolts Cogs Rope String

Sensory Materials	Others	Warning
Cotton Wool Hessian Netting Felt Ribbon Silk Shoelaces Tin Foil Velcro Rollers Wool Fabric Scraps Ice and Snow Ice with loose parts frozen in it Cinnamon Sticks	Chalk Plastic Bottles and Tops Hula Hoops Wallpaper Samples Corks Marbles Tires	Always be mindful of the risks associated with loose parts. The risk of choking, sharp edges, allergies etc. should be risk assessed.

