

Tips for Parents and Carers

Please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the Scottish weather in all seasons.

They should wear a waterproof jacket with a hood and if it is wet, wellies should be worn.



Please be aware that if your child engages in Loose Parts Play they may come home with dirt/sand on their shoes and clothes.



Can you help?

If you can help Newton PS develop Loose Parts Play by donating loose parts, please contact the school to arrange drop off or collection.



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Loose Parts Play at Newton Primary School



"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity."

What are Loose Parts?



Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, taken apart and put back together in many different ways.



Unlike toys, they are materials with no specific set of instructions. Children can use them freely, making their own decisions about to use them.



Loose parts can be natural materials or synthetic.



Loose Parts...

- Log slices
- Tarpaulins
- Blankets
- Cardboard
- Tubes and guttering
- Crates
- Pallets
- Buckets
- Bike wheels and car tyres
- Planks of wood
- Pots and pans
- Ropes
- Trays and baskets...



The list is endless!

Why do we want Loose Parts at Newton?

Loose parts provides ways for your child to grow and learn physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively.



Loose parts play at Newton will...

- Encourage learning through play
- Develop creativity and imagination
- Encourage open ended learning
- Improve pupil relationships
- Encourage children to be more physically active
- Develop pupils' problem solving skills
- Establish a culture where risk is supported
- Develop pupils' resilience
- Enhance curricular learning