

# Noah's Ark Unicef Accredited Preschool

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Dear parents and carers,

As discussed at our recent 1:1 progress meetings, we are very excited about our new initiative, Loose Part Play which was prompted by articles we have researched online.

*Loose parts are an open-ended play resource providing infinite opportunities and possibilities for the creative mind.*

As discussed, we introduced this when we returned after Easter, and we have already noticed a massive difference in the way in which children interact with each other during play, and in the way they use their imaginations. We are committed to improving the continuous provision loose part resources, both in our outdoor and indoor play spaces. Loose parts are materials that children can move, manipulate, control, combine, and change throughout their play. They enable children to experiment without a pre-determined outcome or a 'right' way to do things.

We are therefore beginning a loose parts collection from a range of materials that children can use in their play. *Please see our list below.* If you have any items you wish to donate we will have labelled collection containers for small parts in the entrance lobby, and larger items can be given to staff. Please ensure all items are clean and safe for children to handle. If you are unsure ask Bridget or Jodie.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are unable to use polystyrene in any form.

We look forward to improving our loose parts play, and hope that you will share our enthusiasm for the exciting opportunities it will provide. We will be sending links to useful articles and other interesting information regarding Loose Parts Play, through Tapestry, on our website and on our closed Facebook Group - Noah's Ark Accredited Preschool. If you have any questions you are welcome to speak to Bridget or Jodie who will be happy to help.

Thank-you for your support.

Kind regards,

Bridget, Jodie, Carole and Ann

(Noah's Ark Preschool key workers)

## **Loose Parts List**

- Driftwood
- Corks
- Keys
- Wood Rings / Curtain rings
- Buttons
- Wood Cookies (aka wood rounds)
- Shells
- Pegs
- Mosaic Tiles
- Velcro Hair Rollers
- Large Beads
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Fabric
- CD's

Please see over

- Bottle tops
- Natural Gemstones
- Lids - metal and plastic
- Ring pulls
- Lolly Sticks
- Wooden Spools
- Sticks
- Loofah
- Sponges
- Brushes
- Bark
- Carpet Tiles
- Napkin Rings
- Tin Cans (*check for sharp edges*)
- River Stones, large pebbles
- Wood Planks (*different sizes and lengths*)
- Milk/Bread Crates
- Cardboard Boxes and Tubes
- Pipes (*different sizes and lengths*)
- Traffic Cones
- Wood Logs/Stumps
- Wood Cable Reels (*contact local electrical companies to find these*)
- Tarpaulin
- Wood Pallets
- Old keyboard / phones (without the cords)
- Buckets
- Flooring samples
- Pine cones
- Scarves
- Feathers

This list could go on forever, so if you have any other items you feel would be appropriate, please feel free to share them.