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Reminder of School Houses



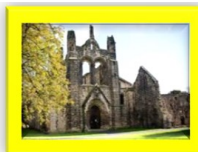
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OPAL Phase 1 Launch—It is almost time!
We will be launching Tuesday 5th May 2026

Bikes and Scooters from home

We love that children ride to school! We want this to continue but the bike parks will be moving to outside Reception and care club, so that personal bikes and scooters don't get mixed up with the OPAL wheeled vehicles. That area will be for private parking!

What Does "Phase 1" Mean?

Phase 1 is the starting point of OPAL. At Greenside, this will include:

- Introducing loose parts and new toys during outdoor playtimes
- More use of school grounds and different areas of play
- Allowing children more freedom to choose how they play
- Adults supporting play rather than organising games
- Clear boundaries and expectations to keep everyone safe

This phase focuses on changing play culture, not changing everything in one go. Play may look different from traditional playtimes - but it's the first positive step!

Any questions/ feedback

Please keep up the excitement with your children about OPAL and ask them all about it! If you have any questions or feedback please contact school on admin@greenside-sch.org or speak to any of the OPAL working party—Mrs Hardy, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Saieva.

Areas

Not all areas will be open straight away but we will continue to develop OPAL play and lunchtimes!

Most the school grounds will now be accessible to all children (both playgrounds, side area of KS1 and the field)

The areas we that we are opening in Phase 1 are:

KS1/Top playground

Wheeled area (for riding and transport)

Stage performance area, fancy dress and music

Small world, reading and seated area

KS2/Bottom Playground

Traditional games

Large board games

Ball and Sports area

Seating and reading area

Field

Running, dancing, spinning parachute and music area

Seating and reading area

Fairy and small world

Mud kitchen

Den building area

Play beyond the playground.....

Can you ...

- Add soft toys/farm animals/cars/plastic plates and cups etc?
- leave the den up all week - or longer - to see how it grows?

How about planning a garden or living room camp out? It might be as good as a holiday!

1 Den making

Make a place to store sticks, boxes, material, rope, solar powered lights, pegs ... stuff to build dens of all sizes that can be pulled out and played with.

