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Primary Wellie Storage Project



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Dear Parent/Carer

Can You Help Us Plan Our Wellie Storage Project?

We're in the early planning stages of an exciting new addition to support our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program: **dedicated wellie storage for each class**. This will allow learners to enjoy outdoor play in all seasons, with easy access to dry and organized boots.

To make this happen, we're reaching out to our wonderful school community to help us **gather materials** and potentially **build simple, weather-resistant storage units** - similar to the examples in the photos attached. One idea we love includes using wooden pallets paired with a **custom-fitted rain cover** (see first image) to keep boots dry and protected outdoors.

Here's how you can help at this early stage:

- Do you have any spare materials (e.g., pallets, waterproof fabric or tarpaulin, outdoor wood, tools) that you could donate?
- Are you, or someone you know, handy with basic DIY and willing to help us build once we're ready?
- Do you have creative ideas or suggestions that could help us shape this project?

We're also collecting cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes, which are used for play and creative activities throughout the year. If you have any at home, please bring them into school at any time—just drop them off at the school office or pass them to your child's teacher. These boxes are always in high demand and help fuel imaginative play!

If you're able to help in any way or just want to be kept in the loop - please email ppsoffice@hessleacademy.com or speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will continue this into the new academic year.

We're so excited to get this project off the ground and truly appreciate your support in helping make outdoor play accessible year-round!

Yours faithfully

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