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Dear Sir/ Madam,

At Western Primary School, we believe that our playground should be more than just a place to burn off energy, it should be a space where our children connect with nature, learn to care for their surroundings and thrive.

We are thrilled to announce our new **"Grey to Green" Project**, a sustainability-focused initiative to transform our space – outside and inside – into a lighter, brighter, greener place to grow.

We're contacting you because we're looking for partners who share our commitment to the environment, wellbeing and learning, and who can help us fund this vision.

#### **Driven by the Children's Vision**

We did not start with a catalogue; we started with our students. Working alongside specialists from the National Education Nature Park and the Red Kite Rewilding Initiative, we asked the children what they wanted from their limited outside space, and their ideas were inspiring. They did not ask for more plastic or metal; they asked for:

- **Greenery and shade:** Trees and climbing plants to bring life to the concrete.
- **Biodiversity:** Green roofs, bug hotels, a living wall and bird feeders.
- **Calm and peace:** Dividing up the space into quiet learning bays using natural materials and planters.
- **Sustainability in action:** Rainwater harvesting opportunities and rain gardens to slow the flow of water from the site.

And because we want to ensure that the inside feels fresh, calm and connected to nature as well, our second phase will be to bring as much of the outside vision inside as possible, through natural paintwork, designs and indoor planting.

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## Outdoors Plans

We have designed an ambitious programme of works which will transform our outdoor spaces (see map). Multiple green roofs will provide a large area of natural habitat, creating shade, cooling the air, absorbing water and thus reducing run-off, and providing a view of greenery.

A mixture of static and movable planters, and screens with natural cladding, will create flexible teaching areas. This will allow us to use our playground more effectively, will allow regular direct interaction with nature for the children, and will mean we can offer different activities to suit the children's needs.

In some areas, planters will be used to create quieter spaces for those children who find the playground a busy, noisy place. Early years will have access to a water butt and new planting pockets for their vegetable growing.

We have already begun work, with a rain garden planter created in memory of Mr Simon Pacey and funded by our community. This planter slows the flow of water from the site and cools its surroundings, as well as providing a quiet area for children. Ivy has been planted along the fence at the front of school to create a living wall. Once mature, this will provide not only a valuable habitat for nature, but much-needed shade and protection from road noise and pollution.



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## How You Can Help

The total amount we need to raise to turn these student dreams into reality is £36,000 (ex VAT) for the outside phase. We are seeking the following financial support:

1. **Discretionary donation:** Cash donations of any size will go directly toward purchasing sustainable materials and professional installation of closer-to-nature equipment and facilities, starting with our outside vision.
2. **Sponsor-a-space:** Donations can alternatively be directed to specific spaces and a personalised plaque will be displayed with your company name:

Space	Cost (excl VAT)
<b>Step 1: Green Around Us</b>	
Early Years Planter & Plants	£890
Front Playground Planter & Plants	£1094
Side Playground Long Planter & Plants	£5435
Side Playground Stump Planter & Plants	£716
Back Playground Rain Gardens	£2193
Green Quiet Learning Bays x4	£588
<b>Step 2: Green Above Us</b>	
Back playground Green Roof 1	£9120
Back playground Green Roof 2	£6400
Early Years Green Roof 3	£2400
Equipment Store Green Roof 4	£1500
<b>Step 3: Outdoor Learning</b>	
Storage area for outdoor learning equipment	£1000
Outdoor learning resources	£2500

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### Why Partner with Us?

For our local businesses, this is a fantastic way to show your commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. By supporting this project, you are not just building a greener school; you are helping us to teach the next generation that we can make a big impact on our environment and wellbeing, even in a small space.

By donating through the Red Kite Learning Trust, which is a registered charity, donations are tax exempt for donors and will benefit from Gift-Aid. Please use this link to our [School Office](#) who will share our contact and bank details with you.

All sponsors will be featured on our dedicated fundraising webpage and thanked in our school newsletter (to over 500 families) and on social media.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June between 4pm until 5:30pm, we will be opening our doors so that we can share our amazing vision with you. The pupils will be available to show you around the site. We have three tours available, 4 to 4:30pm, 4:30 to 5pm and 5 to 5:30pm which you can book on by emailing the school office on [office@wes.rkt.co.uk](mailto:office@wes.rkt.co.uk). If this date is not convenient for you, please get in touch and we will try to arrange a tour for you!

Once our project is complete, we will be holding a celebration event which we would really like all sponsors to attend. This will be an opportunity to see the finished results and for you to take any publicity photographs.

We are really excited to meet with you and share our plans for a more sustainable and greener school.

Should you need any more information or to discuss any of the above further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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