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### ECO CLASSROOM / OUTDOOR LEARNING & PLAY RESOURCES

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Dear Parents,

Our **ECO Green Team** and the school have proposed plans to develop our outdoor learning / play area for the whole school and we would really appreciate your help and assistance. We have outlined a number of learning areas and resources that would develop the children's outdoor learning experiences in many curriculum areas. We also aim to add an ECO / Sensory classroom and a permanent canopy structure to the existing shed in the garden area to provide the children with the opportunity to learn and play outside whatever the weather. With the ongoing school budget constraints, we would request the help of any parents or family members who are involved in the construction trade and would be willing to offer advice and assistance with the development of our outdoor learning area.

We have compiled a list of learning areas, resources and materials which would be extremely useful to the outdoor teaching and learning for all pupils.

LEARNING AREAS	RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water area</li> <li>• Sand area</li> <li>• An orchard</li> <li>• A bug house / hotel</li> <li>• A buddy bench</li> <li>• A fairy garden</li> <li>• A mud kitchen</li> <li>• Construction area</li> <li>• Music area</li> <li>• Horticultural area</li> <li>• Physical Development area</li> <li>• Sensory area</li> <li>• Play Panels</li> <li>• Reading Corner</li> <li>• Willow tree tunnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• various sizes of cable reels</li> <li>• Wooden pallets, wooden planks, wooden benches</li> <li>• peat / compost / bark</li> <li>• logs, raised flower / vegetable beds</li> <li>• concrete blocks / bricks / larges stones / paving stones</li> <li>• tyres, wood,</li> <li>• guttering / plastic piping,</li> <li>• large buckets / basins</li> <li>• plastic buckets and spades</li> <li>• any outdoor toys that you may not use anymore,</li> <li>• old stainless steel kitchen sinks with drainer</li> <li>• old kitchen utensils and saucepans,</li> <li>• plastic bottles crates</li> <li>• bird houses / feeders</li> <li>• plastic bucket seats</li> </ul>

If you know of any businesses that would be generous to donate any of the above or if anyone within the school community who has experience in this area and would be willing to assist, please let us know as we would really appreciate it.

We also intend having a '**Back to School BIG CLEAN**' in September. This will be part of our **ECO Green Team** Action Plan for the forthcoming year to maintain our 'Green Flag' status. We would like to invite as many pupils, parents, families and friends as possible to help out around the school grounds completing various tasks to improve the appearance and aesthetics of the school. Depending on feedback, we would intend holding a meeting in September to discuss both proposals

Yours sincerely

Mr Ciaran McElroy  
Principal

## OUTDOOR LEARNING & PLAY RESOURCES IDEAS

