

At Lobley Hill Primary School we aim to 'Be the Best We Can Be' through being curious, adventurous and respectful in order to achieve personal excellence.



28 September 2021

### **PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, this year we are struggling with a very low budget and have fixed play equipment which is coming to end of life. The issue is that we currently have a shared Nursery and Reception play area, where the condition of the play equipment is deteriorating fast and we would dearly love to be able to replace this with new equipment rather than remove it totally. School is currently in the process of applying for funding through various grant opportunities.

We have been obtaining quotes for the play equipment and would love to incorporate a climbing frame with a pulley system within a sand pit, a nest swing and a slide. We have been quoted £19,510.

We are very lucky to have secured some funding from Kulars and Tesco is currently supporting us with their token scheme within their Gateshead store. We would be extremely grateful if you are shopping in Tesco to ask for a token to place in the Lobley Hill box in store.

**We would most grateful if you work for a local company who you feel could help support school with a donation. School will ensure any sponsors are given full recognition on our website and on Facebook.**

For all the reasons detailed below, we are seeking support in funding the development of our outdoor provision to ensure we can provide a wealth of opportunities for the holistic development of our children but to also address their physical, emotional and sensory needs.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions lately, we can see the impact on our children of not being able to access the development opportunities of the wider community. Limited access to school provision, pre-school opportunities, play parks, soft play and interaction with others can significantly affect the development of children both physically and emotionally.

Access to an enabling environment that offers security, choice, engagement and opportunity for exploring a range of sensory needs is crucial to all children and especially important to our children with significant learning needs.

We celebrate our outdoor learning environment being an area where children thrive as their individual and diverse needs are met. It provides unique opportunities for children to explore, be curious and physically active whilst also developing independence and collaboration with others. Our Early Years environment aims to be inclusive and supportive of all children.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from our parents/carers and hope you can help in this instance. If you know any companies who would be interested can you please email Karen Turland at [karenturland@lobleyhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:karenturland@lobleyhillprimary.co.uk).

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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