

Initial Proposal for Funding for Outdoor Play Provision

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	Proposal	Rationale
<i>Overview</i>	<i>To provide continuous provision from indoor to outdoor and to increase current available space for outdoor physical play.</i>	<i>To encourage free-flow, to encourage physical activities and to enhance sensory opportunities from birth to end of EYFS.</i>
1. Rear Courtyard	Build fixed planting boxes and create tactile, textured floor surfaces. Provide 12' diameter turfed circle, for baby provision and den use. Fix wallboards, display trellis, creative unit for self-selection, log seating and a storyteller's chair. Provide sloped access, instead of step.	To make this area more natural with the inclusion of sensory planting and by replacing the current sterile asphalt; to increase well-being and comfort. Den building for PSRN. Make creative area for various artistic medium and provide a quiet, reflective area (PSED) for discussion and communication. Replace step with safer access.
2. Garden Area	Construct ramp instead of step; for access to a fixed outdoor canopy. Fit insulating pvc door curtain. Supply and fit shed for storage. Provision of high fencing and gate. Fitted sand and water play. Fit garden planters filled with a variety of medium and plants; to provide a water butt fixed to downpipe. Fix low gate to courtyard access. External lighting and socket.	Safe access, to undercover play area in all weathers (free-flow). Reduce heat loss by fitting pvc curtain. Safe area for storage of resources. Secure, high fencing for greater safety. Outdoor sand and water play (CD). Children to grow plants and own veg to facilitate exploration and investigation and encourage healthy eating. Flexible boundaries for safer play. Safe and sensory provision of light.
3. Woodland Area	To increase the size of the woodland area and improve woodland provision, by the inclusion of mature trees and hedge; improve current floor surface. Create a multi-textured natural pathway; logs, pebbles, bark etc. Fit wooden fencing to new larger area. Planting of small trees, shrubs etc. Provision of bench for quiet area, for discussion and contemplation.	Increase the size of the current woodland area and improve woodland access by providing multi-textured sensory path; access to nature. Improve bark chipping surface for sustainability and safety management. Safe, secure wooden fencing and gate; including use of existing hedge. Provide seat and foliage for an area of reflection (CLL) and investigation (KUW).
4. Physical Area	To create a new, secure, safety-wire-fenced, gated, grassed area for physical play – with a partial canopy cover for all weather access.	Area to be used for physical activities, using both large and small equipment in a safe area, to promote a healthy lifestyle, on a daily basis (PD).