

Bruntsfield Primary School Parent Council

Funding Grant Application Session 2019-2020

Bruntsfield Primary School Parent Council raises funds for good causes, primarily through events organised throughout the school year, from any surplus generated through running the extensive Clubs programme and through one off initiatives.

The Parent Council seek to agree which good causes to support on an annual basis, to allow for considered decision making, and to allow applicants to plan on a reasonable timeframe. Funding decisions would ideally be made at the time of the AGM, early in the school year, but are possible on an ad hoc basis throughout the year, as necessary. Applications for funding are encouraged from the school community, the Parent Forum and from Bruntsfield Primary School.

The Parent Council seeks to support initiatives which can have the widest possible enduring impact on the pupils of Bruntsfield Primary School. Applications should be aligned to the curriculum and be delivered with the support of the teaching body.

Applications will be assessed against the criteria set out below agreed by the Office Bearers and co-opted members of the Parent Council. Satisfactory applications will be put forward to a wider meeting of the Parent Council for approval. We are asking that all applications consider how they will evaluate the benefits of their funding request. The Office Bearers will work with applicants to help refine any applications which fall short, so that they have the best chance of succeeding. In the event that an application does not receive approval, feedback will be made available to the applicant.

Funding criteria

- 1. Inclusive
- 2. Enduring

3. Progressive

4. Aligned to the curriculum

Section 1: Introduction

1	Name of applicant	Louise Gourmelen and Lesley Lamond
	Telephone number	REDACTED
	Email address	REDACTED
2	How much money are you applying for	£20,920.19
3	Application title. (E.g Introduction to British Sign Language)	Playground Improvement Project

Section 2: Impacts and benefits

4	Who will benefit from this initiative? Is it relevant to specific year groups or interest groups only?	Children – all year groups Children with ASL Families and carers in wider school community
5	Will the initiative progress and provide the opportunity for further development? E.g	Outdoor development to build on each year improvement planning. The school's work on developing outdoor learning is supported by CEC Outdoor Learning Unit. The work will be underpinned by the new CEC self- evaluation toolkit designed to support an innovative whole-school outdoor learning development.
6	Who will oversea the initiative?	Lesley Lamond, Deputy Head Teacher Staff Playground Development Group Louise Gourmelen, Playground Project Coordinator
7	Who will run the initiative day to day?	Lesley Lamond, class teachers and Louise Gourmelen

Section 2: Impacts and benefits

8	Who will evaluate the initiative?	Lesley Lamond Staff Playground Development Group
9	Outline how you will evaluate the benefit.	Consultation with children Observation of children's use of the space Mapped against SHANARRI wellbeing wheel Leuven scales to evaluate engagement levels

10	Total amount applied for	£20,920.19 inc VAT
11	Provide a breakdown of what this will be spent on.	 Playground improvement project is currently in two stages of development: Stage 1 – planting and nature connection Developed and in progress from Term 3 2021/22 and Term 1 2022/23 Stage 2 – shelters, sensory, movement and loose parts To be developed in term 2 and 3 2022/23 There is likely to be a stage 3 thereafter in the following school year in relation to need and to build on the work done this year. Items listed below are across the following categories in line with the themes from children's designs and ideas for the playground: Planting and nature connection Shelters and sensory Mud kitchen and role play Physical Activity Loose parts Plus a supporting section on: Storage 1) PLANTING AND NATURE CONNECTION:
		Hexagon planter with trellis £359.99 inc VAT

	https://www.tts-group.co.uk/wooden-planters-with- trellis/1010156.html?cgid=Primary- School_Gardens-Grow_Beds_and_Planters
	Log planter £89.99 inc Vat x $2 = £179.98$ <u>https://www.cosydirect.com/long-log-planter-9205</u> to be placed alongside den houses/ sensory area (see those listed below)
	Bug hive and planter £371.99 inc VAT https://www.tts-group.co.uk/bugs-life-and- planter/1016183.html?cgid=Primary- School_Gardens
	Magnifying glasses (10pk) £10.03 inc VAT x 3 = £30.09 https://www.cosydirect.com/bulk-pack-of- magnifying-glasses-10pk-6465
	2) COSY DENS/ SHELTERS FOR QUIET/ SENSORY:
	Outlast Arbour £1536 inc VAT https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/products/o utdoor/outlast-collection/outdoor-den/outlast- arbour?v=W460
	Outlast Arbour canopy £102 inc VAT To accompany wooden arbour frame above <u>https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/products/o</u> <u>utdoor/outlast-collection/outdoor-den/outlast-</u> <u>canopy?v=W462</u>
	Loft shelter £768 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/larger-loft-49071
	The Surfer Barn £630.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/the-surfer-barn-52284
	Camouflage net 5M £63.59 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/camo-net-5m-51915
	Large green tarp $(3.4 \text{ m x } 5.4 \text{ m}) \pm 11.87 \text{ x}2 = \pm 23.74$ <u>https://www.cosydirect.com/large-green-tarp-5-4m-x-1-8m-34245</u>
	Giant den pegs £13.19 inc VAT x 5 packs = £ 65.95 https://www.cosydirect.com/large-camo-monster- pegs-20pk-36762

	Multi use Wood Tyre stands (for dens) £167.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/multiuse-stem-den- tyre-stands-4pk-52785 Hanging multi surfaces writers pack £75.79 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/hanging-multi-surface-
	writerspack-3pk-34227 Wooden writers kit £95.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/classroom-naturals- writer-s-box-48691
	Book box shed £306.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/book-baskets-kit- 28853
	Art and paper trolley on wheels £119.99 inc VAT <u>https://www.cosydirect.com/art-and-paper-store-35539</u>
	Chalk set £5.10 inc VAT x 40 = £204 https://www.tts-group.co.uk/tts-playground- chalk/1016539.html?cgid=Primary-Art_Craft
	Chalk table and crates £203.16 inc VAT x2 + £406.32 incVAT https://www.costcuttersuk.com/cosy-ks1- nesting.html?gclid=Cj0KCQiA7bucBhCeARIsAIO wr-9DnHJPC_qWbjI229O8zUNe8HpsV- ZUI3ejk4LiJvPnRAVq3OIVRzMaAnpdEALw_wc B
	Faux grass circle (2M) £75.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/2m-grass-circle-16145
	Water resistant and wipe clean cushions (15 pk) x2 £91.19 inc VAT x2 = £182.38 <u>https://www.cosydirect.com/earthly-colours-</u> <u>bumper-pack-15pk-35370</u>
	Flexispace waterproof cushions earth colours (30pk) plusu wheeled trolley £185.99 inc VAT x 2 = £371.98 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/flexspace-mobile- trolley-and-cushions-49522

	Wind chimes £11.39 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/large-chime-27955 Bamboo chimes £11.40 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/larger-bamboo-wind- chime-15880
	Junk music walls trio £234.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/junk-music-walls-trio- 25466
	Junk music kit £149.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/massive-junk-music- kit-26350
	Musical guttering £111.59 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/musical-guttering-7pk- 25380
	Playground zone barriers – green (15pk) £1830.00 inc VAT x 2 = £3660.00 inc VAT <u>https://www.tts-group.co.uk/school-playground-</u> zone-barriers-15pk/1011779.html?cgid=Outdoor- <u>Playground</u>
	3) MUD KITCHEN/ ROLE PLAY:
	Outlast counter: https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/products/o utdoor/outlast-collection/mud-kitchen/outlast- kitchenette-counter-46-cm?v=W451 £1022.40 inc VAT
	Outlast benchesx2 and table £1512 inc VAT for social gathering https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/products/o utdoor/outlast-collection/outdoor-tables-and- benches/outlast-rectangular-table-set?v=W356
	Additional benches separate to kitchen in another part of playground: Long outlast bench (35 cm height) x2 $\pounds 258$ inc VAT x 2 = $\pounds 516$ <u>https://www.communityplaythings.co.uk/products/o</u> <u>utdoor/outlast-collection/outdoor-seating/outlast-bench?v=W375</u>
	Mud kitchen utensils kit £378.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/cosy-complete-mud- pie-kit-65-items-28813

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	Mud pie bowl set (16 pk) £50.39 inc VAT x 2 = £100.78 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/natural-mud-pie-tea- set-16pk-23697
	Measuring cups (8 pk) £31.19 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/offcut-measuring-cups- 8pk-22225
	Weighing scales£55.19 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/beefytall-table-scales- 34650
	Chalkboard stage cosy corner £481.44 inc VAT https://ee-supplies.co.uk/products/wooden-corner- stage-and- chalkboards?variant=42784466469089&gclid=Cj0 KCQiA7bucBhCeARIsAIOwr-8- OGJOmScdAy82taKjGa6IulhT1qAOSxtfVbjk97N CjeemX5IKjAgaAkP_EALw_wcB
	4) PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:
	Obstacle course kit £239.94 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/obstacle-course-starter- pack-23pk-35647
	Crawl through giant tubes (2 ok): £107.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/crawl-throughs-2pk- 49473
	PVC roll out 12ft – for ground surface in front of the climbing wall in the lower playground £1319.99 inc VAT <u>https://www.tts-group.co.uk/pvc-roll-out-exercise-</u> mat/1021234.html#
	Gymnastic soft play kit – 3 pieces £323.99 inc VAT <u>https://www.tts-group.co.uk/gymnastics-soft-wedges/1003062.html</u>
	Balance boards (6 pk) £83.99 inc VAT x2 = £167.98 inc VAT <u>https://www.tts-group.co.uk/6-colour-balance- boards/1008469.html</u>
	Access Parkour (external service)

	https://www.accessparkour.com Balance bars (set of 6) to be built by Access Parkour quote obtained: £600 inc VAT
	Scaffolding kit and base plates £336.00 inc VAT https://www.themetalstore.co.uk/products/tube- clamp-climbing-frame
	Slack Line Ninja Line £124.00 inc VAT https://www.firetoys.co.uk/more/throwing/outdoor- play/slackers-ninja-line-starter-set.html
	Pull up bar £287.00 inc VAT https://xorbars.co.uk/product/6ft-wide-heavy-duty- wall-mounted-pull-up-bar-bar-copy/
	Monkey bars £385.00 inc VAT https://xorbars.co.uk/product/6-5ft-monkey-bar/
	5) LOOSE PARTS :
	Loose parts can be used across all the above categories – kitchen, physical activity and enhance sensory experiences through natural materials
	Wooden disks bonanza set (30 pk) £103.19 inc VAT
	https://www.cosydirect.com/wooden-disks- bonanza-30pk-4554
	Complete loose parts construction kit £618.00 inc VAT
	https://www.cosydirect.com/cosy-complete-loose- parts-panacea-100-items-35587
	Plank pack (40 pk) £138.00 inc VAT
	(see below for plank storage) https://www.cosydirect.com/simple-plank-pack- 40pk-50784
	Loose parts pallet £258.00 inc VAT (se below for crate storage)
	https://www.cosydirect.com/loose-parts-pallet- 50393
	Mini tyres trolley (15 tyres) £251.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/tiny-tyre-pit-stop- trolley-set-34726

		Deconstructed role play set (60+ pk) £298.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/deconstructed-role- play-set-60-items-31735 Cones (6pk) £44.39 inc VAT x2 = £88.78 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/cone-set-6pk-32047 Large Rainbow flexible pipes (4 pk) £27.59 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/multicoloured-cheap- flexible-pipes-4pk-31084 Coloured pipes and connectors (24 pk) £89.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/coloured-pipes- connectors-24pk-23631 6) STORAGE Plant stacker £87.59 inc VAT For storage of planks - various lengths https://www.cosydirect.com/plank-stacker-centre- 35548 Crate storage unit (for loose parts above) £270.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/mobile-construction- centre-crates-51739 Loose parts storage trolley £119.99 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/loose-parts-storage- trolley-31458 Storage bins 3 pk £330.00 inc VAT https://www.cosydirect.com/ephgrave-salt-bin-
		https://www.cosydirect.com/loose-parts-storage- trolley-31458 Storage bins 3 pk £330.00 inc VAT
12	Is this a one off payment? If it is a phased payment, please provide details.	Yes

13	Provide payment details: e.g. bank details or cheque payee.	Bruntsfield Primary School
14	Who is the beneficiary? Is it an organisation or individual? A receipt or invoice must be provided.	Bruntsfield Primary School
15	Will this initiate give rise to a need for further financial support? E.g maintenance or upkeep.	Yes maintenance – school budget and specific fundraising events to support this

Section 4: Teaching and curriculum support

16	Which area of the curriculum is the proposal aligned to?	Enhancement of children's learning and wellbeing; in the consultation with children their feedback highlighted their needs and they showed us that they need an outdoor space with more play opportunities and resources, and a better use of space for being both active and restful.
		Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning states that all children should be able to participate in a range of planned, progressive and creative outdoor learning experiences that are part of the curriculum. Each curriculum area lends itself to outdoor learning.
		Staff will encourage and capitalise on the potential of the outdoor context to provide new challenges and ways of learning.
		Main categories of the outdoor improvement plan as outlined in stages 1 and 2 below are linked to curriculum areas as follows: Planting –STEM
		Cosy shelters and dens – wellbeing and social skills , design Sensory – wellbeing, expressive arts, literacy
		Mud kitchen – role play and social development, literacy and numeracy Movement/ physical activity – physical education,
		health and wellbeing Loose parts – STEM, literacy, numeracy, creativity, health and wellbeing

Section 4: Teaching and curriculum support

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17	Is this supported by the School Management Team?	Yes, by Stephen Gilhooley, Martyn Wood, Jenny Dobie, Lisa Nicol and Lesley Lamond
18	Detail any practical aspects of delivering the initiative. E.g. how does this fit with the school day?	Pupils will be very involved in the development of the outdoor space and co create the various spaces, and this project work will be interwoven into their school day. Children will gain additional skills in working together with teachers and parents to build resource and shape the space in a new way. Parental involvement and working together will bring skills to share and strengthen connections and the support network for children's learning.

Section 6. Please provide any further details in support of your application including how you will bring this to life in the school community.

Playground improvement project is being developed in two stages: Stage 1 – planting and nature connection Developed and in progress from Term 3 2021/22 and Term 1 2022/23

Stage 2 – shelters, sensory, movement and loose parts To be developed in term 2 and 3 2022/23

Here is an outline of our purpose, children's work and progress:

Bruntsfield Primary School has not had any investment in recent years for playground improvement or outdoor learning, and it is now that case that children across the school are calling for improvements, as well as their families who can see the space is not being used to its full potential and is overdue for improved resources and organisation of space that better meets the children's needs. School staff are also very keen to make use of an improved playground space to better deliver a wide range of teaching and learning activities to pupils. Staff also wish to see developed a playground which provides more opportunities for pupils to engage in a diverse range of play activities and experience more positive breaktimes.

In education there has been an increasing focus on the value of outdoor spaces in children's learning and wellbeing. It is recognised that outdoor environments offer a new and dynamic aspect to the design and delivery of the curriculum. Children will have a different type of environment in which to learn and will be able to self-direct on how they use multi-purpose resources and new spaces in play. Outdoor spaces can offer more opportunities for those with additional support for learning needs, as well as those for personal wellbeing. When children have had time outside, with resources that meet their needs across emotional, social, physical and mental needs they will go back to lessons refreshed and this can promote more positive behaviour in class and for their interactions.

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The school is gold rights respecting school and implements the UNCRC which recognises and promotes the right to play and health and wellbeing, as well as inclusive education and environments. It is vitally important that the playground is improved for the benefit of all children in the school in an inclusive way. The items contained within this funding application are intended to maximise use of the space with multi-purpose potential; offering more opportunities but at the same time ensuring the space is still big enough for the large number of school pupils who use it. There are very limited spaces designed specifically for children in the surrounding local urban area, and it is vital that we make the best use of the playground the children do have by making it a high-quality space for play and learning. Ensuring that the outdoor space is invested in ensures that the school as a whole will be adaptable to meet the wide range of needs of children over time.

Our project planning so far has been led in consultation with children to ensure that it meets their needs, and we have captured work on this in this padlet on pupil voice:

https://padlet.com/bruntsfieldplayground/tc12019tx31guj7s

This padlet contains reflective questions on how we can interpret children's voices and their ideas most accurately. This interpretation identified recurring themes from children's work across planting, greenery and growing food; cosy spaces for quite, reading and drawing; role play spaces such as mud kitchen for messy play and social gathering; physical activity, to challenge themselves and build strength and resilience; and in loose parts – toys, blocks, etc – that offer up multi-use potential. It is important that children who have done this work to plan improvements have their voices heard, see the results of their efforts and their ideas valued, and to continue to actively participate to make their ideas a reality. We are supporting children in their investment of time and effort for their education now, but also for the benefit of future years of children who come behind them. Children across all year groups will be involved in the cocreation of the outdoor space and the play and learning within it, ensuring that they have the best possible chance of making the space work for them.

Parent and carer involvement is integral to the project implementation using parents and carers skills, and their expertise. This has been captured in an ideas padlet, where adult's understanding of their children's experiences have been outlined with possible solutions:

https://padlet.com/bruntsfieldplayground/iyq1slwmjunxqzfh

Parental involvement is recognised as being beneficial to children and their engagement in learning. Families and carers being involved is an important opportunity to recover and build a sense of community in the school after the disruption and isolation of the pandemic.

Already parents have been very involved in stage 1 of the project, with creating planting spaces in the playground and working with children on this. This has received positive feedback from across the school community. Children already enjoy the sensory enhancement of the space with these. The introduction of blocks, crates and tree stumps has provided evidence of the endless possibilities in creative learning for children. Staff members across the school are very supportive of this initiative. Staff input on the playground project is led by the Staff Playground Development Group.

Events in the playground such as the playground party in June this year has shown there is a need for families to be able to use the space and enjoy it together.

We have already started to gather natural materials and pre-loved items through the community with a view to increasing attention on sustainability in the school. More links will be made with the new sustainability group The playground project team are looking at ways of sourcing donations from local centres for planting. So far there is a momentum for playground improvement and families, carers and children are eager to hear what the next steps are; they want to be able to have a more inspiring outdoor space in which they can gather and enjoy events, play and lessons as part of everyday school life and for successive generations to enjoy - this funding application is vital to making that a reality.

Section 7: Please sign and date

Signature	Lesley Lamond
Date	19 December 2022

Please submit this form electrically to the Chair and Secretary bruntsfieldchair@gmail.com bruntsfieldsecretary@gmail.com