





# Battlefield Primary School

*“The playground project”*



# What is 'The Playground Project'

- The challenge to give our children a playground they can thrive in and a space where they can have fun
  - Our aim is to provide sustainable play areas within the school grounds that will benefit all children for many years to come
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# Why are we doing this?

- It is what the children have asked for
- The current playground is uninspiring and we need to help change this
- The school do not have the funds
- Supporting outdoor play benefits the mental & physical health for children



## 7 POWER BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR PLAY

### 1 IT INSPIRES CREATIVITY

It encourages exploration and activates children's natural sense of wonder, curiosity, and creativity. It's a vehicle for self-expression and a **foundational skill for managing emotions and solving problems.**



### 2 IT BUILDS CONFIDENCE

Giving children the freedom to create their own games and explore the world (or at least the backyard) fosters a confidence-building **sense of power and independence.**



### 3 IT TEACHES RESPONSIBILITY

Playing outside inspires an appreciation for nature and a responsibility for living things. Children who spend time in nature are more likely to **appreciate and care** for the planet as they grow older.



### 4 IT KEEPS CHILDREN ACTIVE

The concept of "exercise" doesn't always sound fun, but running, jumping, dancing, throwing a ball, or riding a bike are fun ways for children to move their bodies and **stay healthy.**



### 5 IT IMPROVES PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Exposure to sunshine helps children's bodies produce Vitamin D, which is **important for the immune system and bone development.**



### 6 IT REDUCES STRESS AND ANXIETY

Fresh air and green spaces create a **natural calming effect** in the body. Outdoor play promotes beneficial "feel-good" hormones like oxytocin and serotonin.



### 7 IT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES TO SOCIALIZE

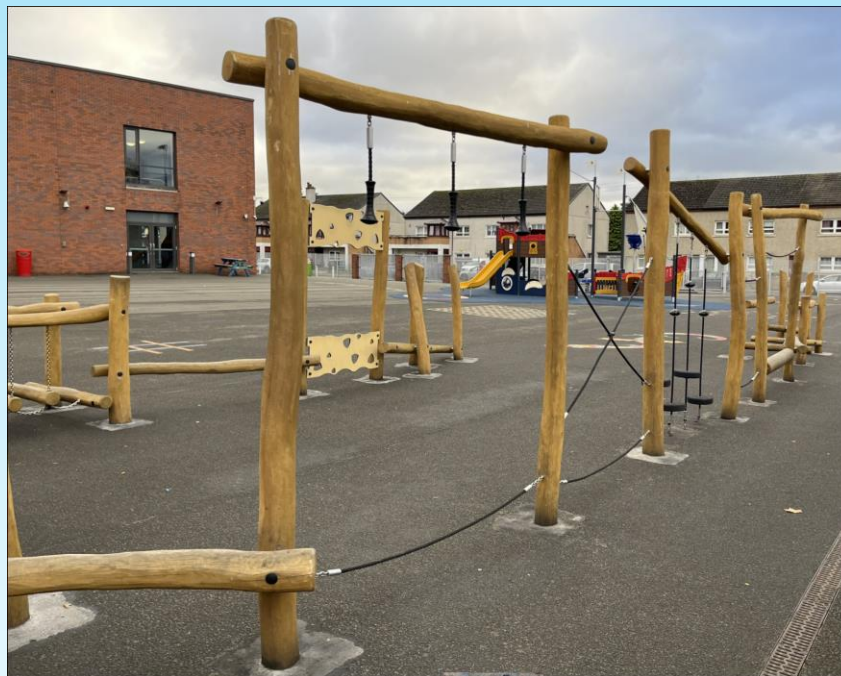
Unstructured play with other children is **essential to developing children's social skills.** It teaches them how to make friends, navigate conflicts, share, and treat other people with kindness.





# What could we do?

## Trim Trail



## Goals/shooting



## Loose parts play



## Quiet Areas / Buddy Bench



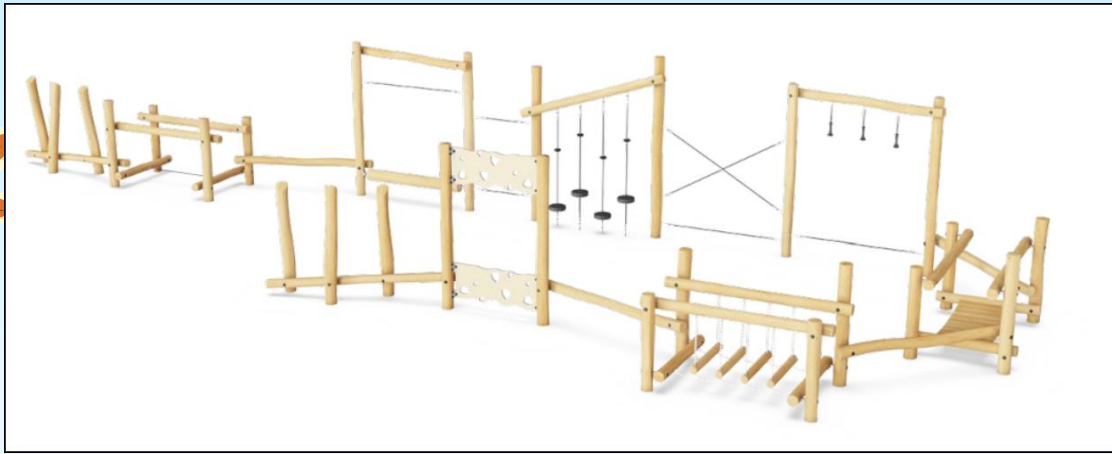


# How much does this cost?

Trim Trail – cost £22,519 (without VAT)

Includes 15 year warranty

Approx £56 for every child at the school



Loose Play & Learning Zone – cost £7,000 (without VAT)

Approx £17.50 for every child at the school



Buddy Bench – cost  
£3,600 (without VAT)

Approx £9 for every  
child



Storage  
container– cost  
>£1,500

Approx £4 for  
every child

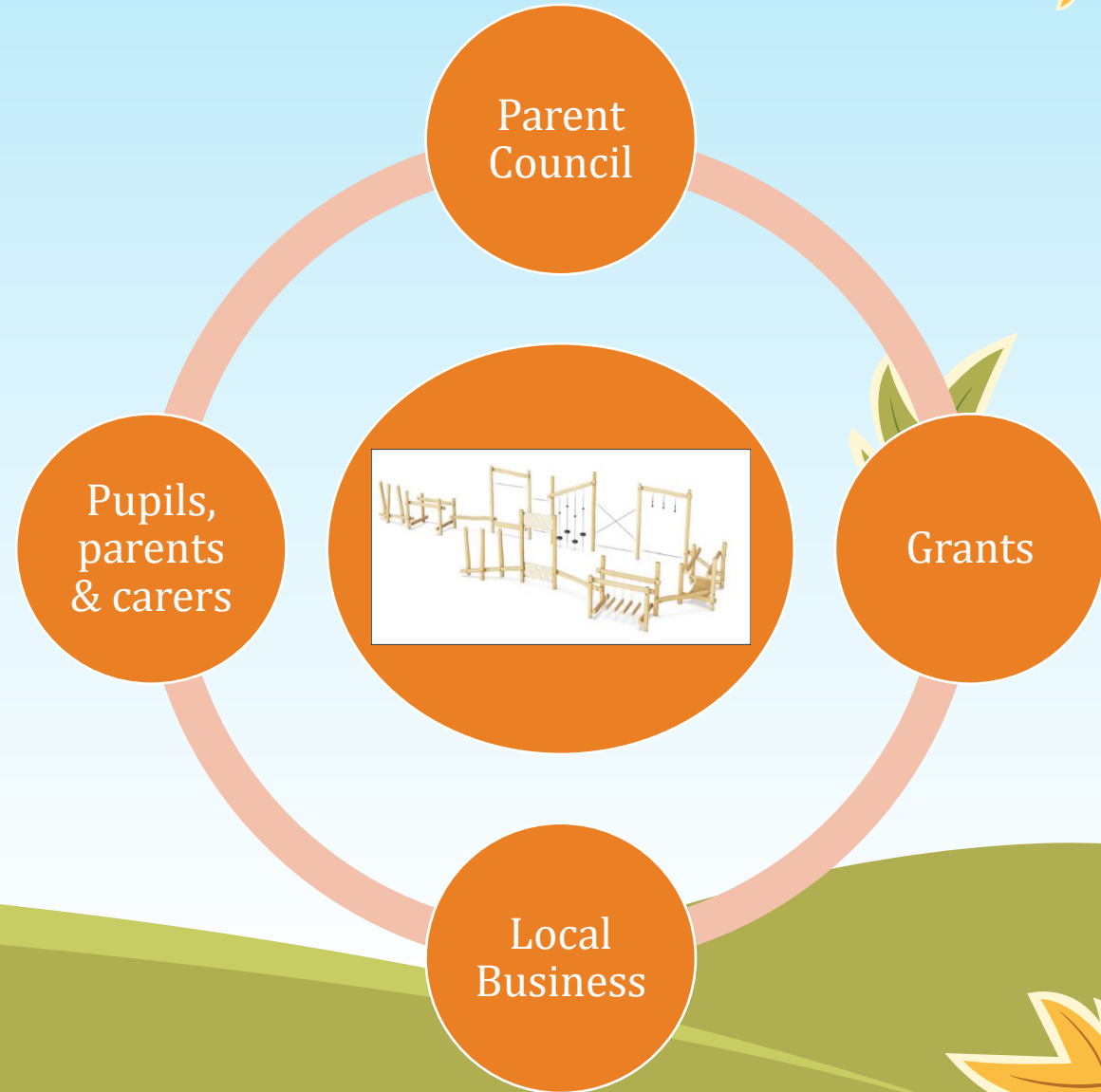


# Next - the tricky bit?

We need to raise money, and lots of it

Current funding raising strategies won't be sufficient

We need a new approach and new ideas





# Parent Council/funding raising group

Current strategies raise approx. £2500 annually

Annual expenditure:

- End of year school trip (£2600)
- P7 yearbook
- Minor contribution to various school request

This year are main aim is to support the Battlefield Playground Project

We will continue to support various school request






# Grants and funding opportunities

Some parents are helping to identify possible funds and grants we can access.

Some of these grants will match the amount we will raise.



To improve our chance of being successful, we must demonstrate community engagement and thus community benefit.

Fund raising within the local community would be a great example of this

Progress on our grant applications will be provided







# How can you help?

1. You could organise an event or activity that could raise funds.

- Sponsored event (pupils or families)
- Set-up a 'Go fund me'
- Quiz night
- Work sweep stake

2. Become a regular donor – plan to launch in January 2025

- Set-up a regular gift donation – i.e. £5 or £10 or £20 per month
- This money would only be spent on the playground
- Playground donors will remain anonymous

*(Activities/events involving children must be outside of school hours)*






# Support from our local businesses and community



Several local businesses have asked how they can support the parent council funding

We have suggested an annual donation.

Would your business be interested in supporting us this way?



Options to be discussed on how local business donors can be promoted by the parent council, i.e. face-book page and other social media platforms – get in touch.

