



FOREST FUND

Friends of Linchfield School



HELP US TO CREATE AN INCREDIBLE
OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE FOR
CHILDREN AT LINCHFIELD COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to announce that we are planning to create an outdoor learning 'Forest School' space and are keen to involve children, parents, carers and the local community to bring this to fruition.

Using nature in an educational environment has many benefits for children. It enables child centred learning through exploration and play, as well as promoting self esteem, confidence, creativity and independence.

The Friends of Linchfield School, a parent led fundraising group, are leading the project and are keen to hear from people who have skills or an interest in this area to make our dreams a reality.

Initially we are appealing for offers of help, time or donations of equipment so that we can see how much additional fundraising and support we will need from local businesses, charitable trusts and FLS activities.

Please read on for more information about how you could help. Please get in touch with us at **FLSLinchfield@gmail.com** if you would like to get involved.

If you would like to donate equipment, please don't bring anything into the school just yet as we need to create some storage space first!

Once we have reviewed your generous offers, we can confirm our fundraising target and the timeline for getting the work done.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Katie Brockington, Head Teacher, Linchfield Community Primary School

Rebecca Jones, Chairperson, Friends of Linchfield School



OUR VISION



Outdoor learning



Enjoying the outdoors



Fire pits



Den building



Pond dipping



Getting our hands dirty!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Our priority is fencing off the area if you can provide or install fencing.



We need to repair the existing pond and / or provide materials such as lining and slabs.



Landscaping & gardening enthusiasts to help on 'Ground Force Day.'



We are looking for materials like pallets and people to make mud kitchens.



Likewise we need tree stumps to make outdoor seating and play equipment.



Could you strengthen our team by helping with fundraising and contacting businesses / charitable funds?



Can your employer, organisation, friends / family help with their time, resources, skills or a donation?



Do you have experience in forest school and help with your expert advice or join the project team?

COULD YOU DONATE THESE ITEMS?

Pots, pans
Pestle & mortar
Bottles & jars
Plastic crockery & cutlery
Scoops, sieves, funnels etc



Kids wheelbarrows
Baskets
Buckets
Child friendly cutting equipment
such as saws



Fishing nets
Bird feeders
Small fish tanks / clear tubs
Magnifying glasses
Petri dishes

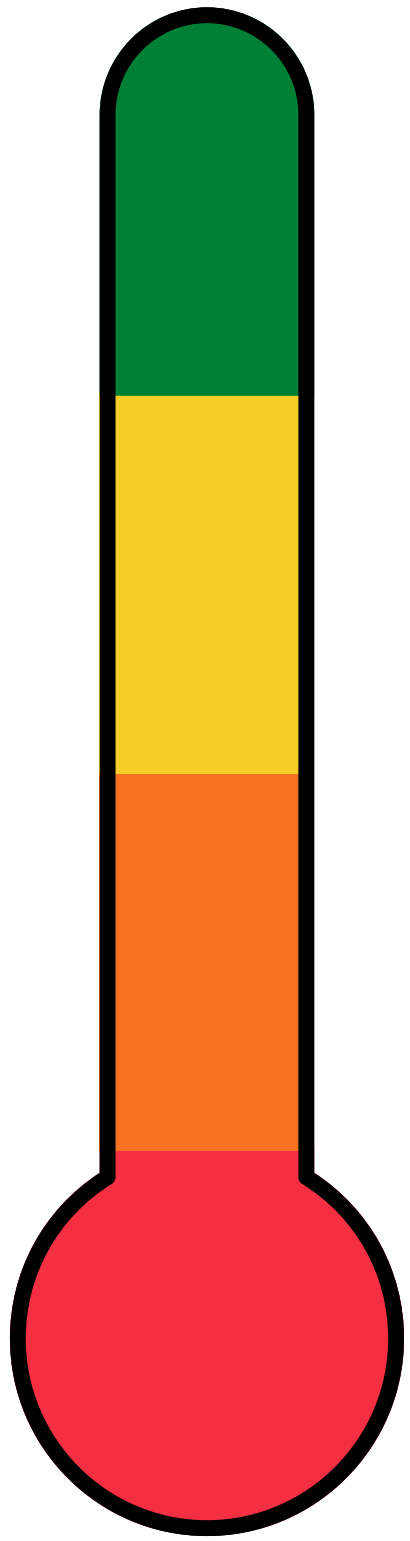


Blackboard and chalk
Sand and trays
Tarpaulin, rope, pegs etc



Please email FLSlinchfield@gmail.com if you have skills, equipment or time you can offer us. Thank you!

RAISING MONEY



Kids and their family members can all help!

Could you save your pocket money, do some chores, make a donation, organise an event or get sponsored for doing something special?

There are lots of ways you can help raise money, whether its a pound or £100!

To make a donation or if you're doing your own fundraising, visit:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fls-linchfield-forestfund

How much do we need to raise?

This depends on how much equipment we manage to get donated!

The first phase of our project is to see what we get donated through the kind support of our families and the community.

As a minimum the FLS would like to raise £5,000, which will either help deliver the initial items needed or assist with ongoing maintenance.

If we have to pay full price for everything we need, the total will be much higher but we're relying on the generosity and support of families and the community to help us out.

Other local schools have recently managed it primarily through donations and support from parents who work in landscaping etc so let's rise to the challenge together!



PHASES OF DEVELOPMENT

1

Gather and assess donations and support

2

Fence and make safe area

3

Additional fundraising for items not achieved in phase 1

4

Ground Force Day to prep area and make usable

5

Add mud kitchens, fire pits, and equipment

6

Provide specialist teacher training and learning supplies



**We are incredibly grateful for any support
you can lend.**

**Please email FLSlinchfield@gmail.com
if you have skills, equipment or time you can offer us.**

Thank you!