



# Blackwater Community Primary School

Dear Blackwater children/parents/carers,

School outside areas should allow ample space and facilities for exercise, be a suitable place for exploring nature and a safe and pleasant place to meet. Not all outside spaces at schools in Cornwall meet this need and many have become areas of hardstanding, with poor drainage and a lack of greenery. There is a project that has been set up to help schools with this problem.

The aims of the project are:

- Improve and create green outside space at Schools
- Provide resources to educate children on climate change and sustainability to tackle Climate Change as part of a practical programme and to improve the local environment
- Provide practical useable space for schools and wherever possible, the wider community
- Support sustainability, renewable energy and drainage systems
- Provide safe space for traditional and alternative forms of exercise e.g. gardening, growing and access to nature
- Create spaces that can become outside classrooms

We have been lucky enough to win a bid to change part of our playground. The Eden Project is awarding us £5000 to tackle some of the above. We already have an amazing wild area, (can we make this better?) and have got our polytunnel, to hopefully start growing veg etc. in the summer term, so we want to concentrate on the hard playground.

We need to leave an area accessible to hold a PE lesson as through the winter the field can often be waterlogged. We hope to link anything we add to this area to the way we use the polytunnel and in the creating of a wildlife corridor from our wild area down through the school. This still leaves some plenty of scope for adding plants and natural spaces. This important decision making should involve us all, so we are asking for your help!

Please share with us your ideas of what you might like to see in our playground, how can we encourage wildlife? What can we install to help with the polytunnel? What plants would you love to see? The page overleaf may help you explain your thoughts. We need these returned to school or shared on seesaw by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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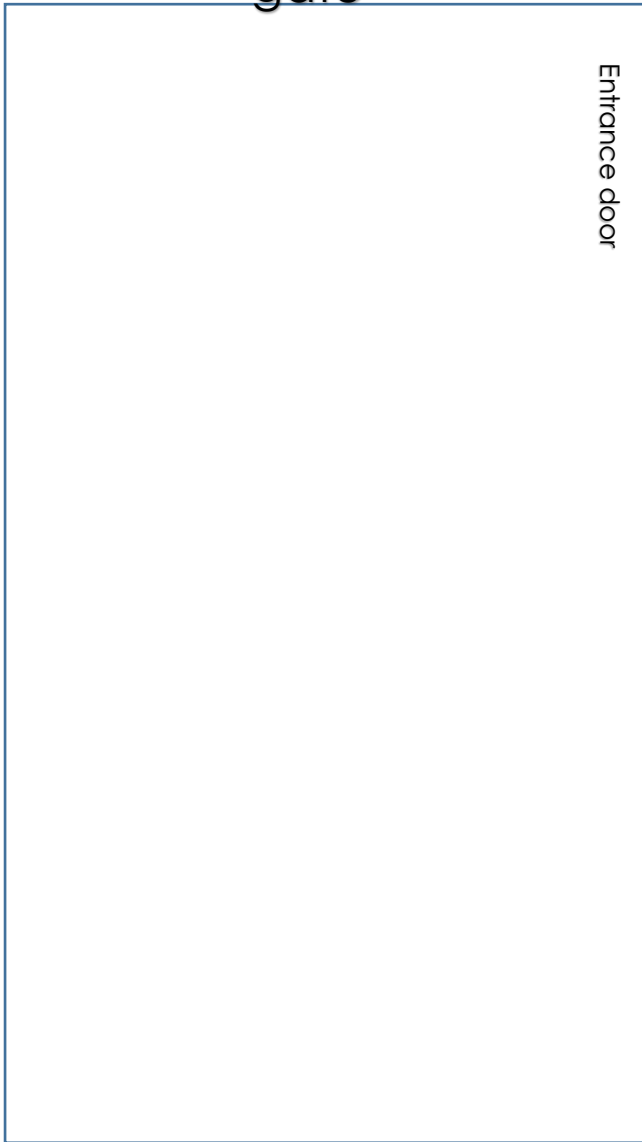




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Entrance door



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