



Local Schools Nature Grants

Application Summary

Popularity

All rounds of phase one of the Local Schools Nature Grant funding were been exceptionally popular, and we received significantly more applications than the grants that could be allocated.

The majority of applications were well considered, and with such a large and strong field we know that schools who put a lot of thought and time into their application may be disappointed.

If you were unsuccessful this time then we encourage you to consider applying in one of the later rounds detailed at the bottom of the [guidance information](#) page.



Common Themes

In order to help inform any changes you might make to your application please pay close attention to the [guidance information](#), particularly across these two themes:

Pupil involvement – This is really important to the project, and we want to know how the children have been involved in the selecting of products, and their contributions to writing the application. Some people used this space to tell us about the wider eco initiatives or aspirations of the school, which meant they did not have space to tell us much about the involvement of the pupils.

Sustainability - A common mistake in relation to in this theme was that schools told us about what they had done already, and not how they would keep their outdoor learning area going. Consider who will look after the areas, will you look for other funding sources, will parents be involved etc.

Response to pupils

We appreciate that many schools will have close involvement from their pupils in the grant application process. Overleaf is a letter responding to your pupils directly which you are welcome to use if you feel it is of help.



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Dear pupils

Thank you very much for your Local School Nature Grant Application. We enjoyed hearing about the equipment that would make a difference to your school, and how you would like to develop your school grounds. We had a lot of great applications, and unfortunately this time round your school has not been chosen to receive a grant.

We know that you might be disappointed by this news, and would like to tell you that the scheme is open until 1st December 2018 if you and your classmates decide that you would like to reapply.

We are sorry that we weren't able to give you the equipment and training this time, but we hope that you will still enjoy spending time exploring the outdoors.

With best wishes

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