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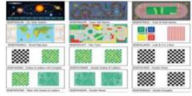
21st June 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Over the past few years, we have been raising money for the creation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The original intention of the MUGA was to be an extensive, state-of-the art, all-purpose development for both school and community use. The original quote for this MUGA was between £90 and £120K. The Friends and Family Team raised £15,000 which was matched by the Governing Body so that the school contribution for the MUGA was £30,000 and the rest was to be funded through grants as a community-use area.

At the end of the summer term 2020, following a difficult year of disruption from the Coronavirus pandemic and the challenge of unsuccessfully acquiring grant funding for community use, the decision was made by the Governing Body not to pursue the large MUGA project any further. As a result, the school and the new Friends and Family Team began to explore different options for the £30,000 including a smaller MUGA option.

Following those investigations, two proposals were recommended:

<p align="center">Proposal 1: Mini MUGA</p>  <p>The size of 25mx13 m is based on the industry standard recognised and most used sized for MUGA in a primary school</p>  <p>Only possible to actually have 2 permanent goal ends installed -see later slide for more details</p>	<p align="center">Proposal 2: Wellbeing Area</p>  <p>Gazebo would be flush on the flooring so no access issues</p>   <p>20x12m size based on largest and most appropriate size for the budget</p> <p>2 of these tables with the option of several different <u>games tops</u></p>
<p>25 x 13m Shock pad foundation and synthetic turf carpet 2.5m high fencing including 2 chicane entrances and goal ends for football and basketball</p>	<p>20 x 12m Artificial turf surface 5 x 5m gazebo with roof, 50% covered sides and internal bench seating 2 picnic tables with game top table</p>
<p>Quotes range from £42,456 to £54,585</p>	<p>Quotes range from £25,900 to £29,402</p>
<p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quotes are above current funds. - Only possible to have goals for 2 sports. - Additional sports would need to be portable. - The surface is suitable for recreational play only. The ball bounce is not sufficient for tournament standard. 	<p>Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs leave headroom for children to choose additional resources e.g., planters - Creates an additional designated recreation area leaving the tarmac available for ball games all year round. - Gazebo offers shelter for playtime or as part of curriculum outdoor learning which the school currently does not have.

On 26th April, a playground extension and MUGA funding parent and carer meeting took place virtually. At the consultation, led by the Friends and Family Team, the information above was shared and an open discussion took place. Following the discussion, there was a unanimous decision from the parents and carers in attendance to proceed with the Wellbeing Area. Following advice from the Charities Commission, a consultation period followed to allow anyone who donated specifically for a MUGA and who wished to withdraw their donation, to do so. The consultation period has now ended and the school has not received communication to withdraw a donation.

On **Tuesday 29th June at 6pm**, a final meeting will be held for any parents and carers who wish to express their views on the above proposals. The meeting will be recorded and shared with the Governing Body in their final meeting of the summer term.

Following this meeting, the Governing Body will make the final decision regarding the use of Friends and Family funding, matched by school funds, to develop a mini-MUGA or a Wellbeing Area.

Kind regards,

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Mrs L Taylor
Headteacher