

Stockport CAN Seed Fund Application

Application reference afb793ce

Group name	Dial Park Nursery
Group description	Dial Park Nursery offers 2-3 year old and 3-4 year old nursery places within Dial Park School campus in Offerton, Stockport. We have a lovely outdoor area that the children enjoy daily in all weathers and we have a strong focus on engaging with nature to help our children thrive.
Funding requested	Total £750 £500 Project Infrastructure including sleepers and fixings, plywood backing boards and timber framing, plus membrane and topsoil. £250 planting materials
Amount requested per ward	£750 from Offerton
Proposal details	We hope to build and establish a vegetable garden within our outdoor area Through growing food children with foster a connection with nature, understand that food can be grown and sourced locally which is better for our environment as well as for better taste and nutrition and develop a lifelong appreciation for growing their own crops. The vegetables will be washed, peeled and chopped by the children and used for lots of other related learning opportunities and within the nursery kitchen.
How will proposal tackle climate change and / or increase biodiversity	We will encourage our community to be involved in our garden and encourage opportunities in growing vegetables in their homes too, even where space is limited. We will create homes for wildlife by planting native species and choosing flowering plants alongside the vegetables that attract pollinators. The well-being of the nursery children will also be greatly enhanced by spending time in nature, breathing fresh air, and practicing their communication, social and motor skills while gardening.
How many people will benefit from proposal	200
Who will benefit from proposal	The nursery children will benefit from the broad learning opportunities including how to plant and tend, harvest and prepare vegetables to eat, gaining confidence through new skills such as watering and chopping, with lots of opportunity for developing speech and language too, They will also benefit from the spiritual and emotional well being associated with connecting with nature and the outdoors and their families will be encouraged to participate in our garden to maximise the wider impact.