

Sensory Garden for Special Educational Needs Pupils at Oldfield School

Organisation:

Oldfield School Association (OSA) – a registered charity (no. 1088954) and PTA supporting Oldfield School, Bath

Funding Requested:

£60,000 from the Bath Neighbourhood Portion of CIL

(Matched funding and in-kind contributions also being pursued)

Project Description:

The project will transform a derelict grassy area (25m x 20m) outside the Special Educational Needs (SEN) building into a green, creative sensory garden. Designed in collaboration with pupils, the space will support:

Emotional regulation and wellbeing

Cognitive and social learning

Hands-on activities in art, science, and gardening

The garden will feature natural landscaping, sensory installations, and eco-friendly design. It will be used regularly by over five hundred pupils, including those with autism, EHCPs, English as an additional language, and those on the THRIVE programme.

Key Outcomes:

Improved wellbeing and emotional regulation

Inclusive, therapeutic space for SEN and wider school community

Enhanced learning through nature and creativity

Increased community engagement and volunteerism

Support for climate and sustainability education