

## Crawley County Local Committee

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### Community Initiative Fund application



**CLC Reference:** 372/C

**Local Councillor:** Brenda Smith

**Status:** Preparation Stage

Overfunding enabled (refer to 'what we'll deliver' section)

**Project Cost:** £9,960.00

**Project Title:** Outdoor learning shelter/gym

#### About:

We are encouraging our children to learn more about the environment around them and also health and fitness.

Last year, a member of staff, Marie, underwent Forest Schools Training and has been given the role here at the school as our Outdoor Environment Lead. We had a biodome (greenhouse) in place and since Marie has taken on her role she has been creating a fantastic outdoor area beside the biodome for the children to explore and grow plants. We have purchased waterproof trousers and jackets for the children and tools to use whilst outside. Also, we purchased some willow screening and shrubs to edge the environmental area along with an amazing mud kitchen which the children have had great fun using. Marie can now take groups of children outside into the new area to teach them about conservation, exploring the outside world and growing their own fruit and vegetables. We will keep developing and improving the area when funds allow and we would really like an outdoor shelter. We would also love to have an outdoor gym for the children. We recently introduced the Daily Mile.

**Project Delivery Manager:** Langley Green Primary School PTA

**About:**

Langley Green Primary is a primary school in the West Sussex Local Education Authority. The school is an average sized mixed gender school. The Ofsted inspectors recently rated Langley Green Primary as 'Good'. We currently have 474 pupils on roll.

Website: <http://www.langleygreenprimary.co.uk>

**What we'll deliver:**

- Learn more about conservation and the outdoors
- Grow our own vegetables
- Get fit and healthy

**How any extra funds raised from overfunding will be spent:**

- We would purchase; plants & shrubs, tools, equipment and waterproof clothing

**Why it's a great idea:**

Our environmental area is enhancing our children's knowledge and understanding of the outside world. It is teaching them to respect their environment and the creatures that live in it. Children are learning to explore the outside world and how to grow plants. All of this will create a 'ripple effect' as children will take their experiences home to their families, often influencing their parent's views and encouraging them to further explore the outdoors. Any outdoor gym would be amazing for the children to use not only during PE lessons but during break times.

**Steps to get it done:**

- Look for suppliers