The School Grounds Project

Regenerating the school grounds for the future of our children

What will the school grounds project do?

The project will transform the play and outdoor experience for the children. Installing a drainage system across the whole playing field will enable its use all year round. Currently there is limited (if any) usage from November to May. The Junior playground space will be increased by around a much needed 50%. This will lead to an increase in the range of sports clubs offered at lunchtimes and enable the space to be used more readily for other outdoor activities.

New trees will be planted as part of the playground expansion plans with broad steps offering access to the field as well as extensive seating.
Benefits of the regeneration to both the playground and the field

Playground

- More space with seating areas
- Defined areas e.g. passive areas, football, netball, basketball, table tennis
- More opportunities for lunchtime clubs and activities
- Reduced likelihood of collision incidents
- Opportunity for increased outdoor learning use

Field

- Increase use of field to 85% (10 months per year)
- Opportunities to exploit both field and playground use at the same time
- Increase range of activities
- More reliable hosting of outdoor/sporting events
- Increased opportunity to generate revenue from community use
- More space with seating areas

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What will the project involve?

Based on the feasibility study design and discussions with contractors, we hope that the project will be able to start the day after the Crabtree Fireworks in November 2017.

The drainage channels will be completed within a few weeks followed by a period of ‘bedding in’ where the field will be inaccessible. The playground extension will involve the construction of a significant retaining wall at the edge of the field before re-planting of trees and construction of the seating and other facilities.

Our current expectation is that the project will be completed in around May 2018.

How much is it going to cost & how will you raise the funds?

- **Target £225k**
  - **£120k** Academy Trust Contribution from Capital Reserves + PA funds already raised in 2016/17
  - **£30k**
  - **£75k** Regular PA Events in 2016/17 & 2017/18 e.g. Quiz Night, Summer Fayre, Fireworks & Christmas Fayre

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<td>If 250 families gave regularly, we’d be well on the way £5 per month = £22,500 £10 per month = £45,000 Lump sums welcome too.</td>
<td>Support your child’s chosen activity (e.g. car wash, bake sale, book sale, film night) Run an event yourself (Bike Ride, Run, Golf Dav)</td>
<td>Tag a Tree, Sponsor a seat, Buy a Brick Could your company make a financial contribution? Could you or your network help us get more sponsorship?</td>
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How do I contribute?

If I want to make a voluntary contribution can I?

Yes. Go to Virgin Money Giving, search for Crabtree Academy and follow the instructions. You can make a one off contribution or set up a monthly donation. If you are a UK Taxpayer, don’t forget to confirm that we can receive gift aid on your donation.

Or you can write a cheque and give it directly to the Junior School Office. If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can complete a form to enable us to claim the gift aid on your donation.

What would be a good contribution to make? £10 a month, or £180 as a one of donation would be a significant contribution. However, this is entirely voluntary and we would be extremely grateful for any amount that you would be happy to contribute.

What other help do you need?

You could help by coming up with ideas for fundraising events.

You could offer your time to help run or support events, or to help with communications, PR or Sponsorship.

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