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Dear Sir

My name is Cheryl Herrick and I am the Preschool leader at Sunny Ile Preschool, part of Greenfylde School in Ilminster.

We are currently fundraising for new sun shades for our outdoor area. Current cohort tracking of our children shows that there are certain areas of the curriculum, which need focus to help the children develop and learn.

A growing interest in media equipment, such as television, videos and computer games has also contributed to the creation of a society where many children live sedentary lives with few opportunities to access outdoor spaces or benefit from being outside.

Outdoor learning complements indoor learning and is equally important. Play and learning that flow seamlessly between indoors and outdoors enable children to make the most of the resources and materials available to them and develop their ideas without unnecessary interruption. This includes the experiences that the preschool can create and plan for, the spontaneous activities initiated.

The outdoor environment has unique characteristics and features.

- Outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning.
- Outdoor learning has a positive impact on children's well-being and development.
- Children need the support of attentive and engaged adults who are enthusiastic about the outdoors and understand the importance of outdoor learning.
- Outdoor learning is enhanced by an environment that is richly resourced with play materials that can be adapted and used in different ways.

We are currently organising a Sponsored Sing and also a sponsored bounce to help raise funds. We are currently trying to raise a £5000 for our new sun shades and a canopy to protect the children during all weathers.

We would be very grateful if you are able to help us with funding or donations which we can apply for that would be able to contribute to our fundraising.

We would like to acknowledge your support for this important project through our school newsletter and thru the local media. Any assistance you could provide would be warmly appreciated by all members of our Pre School and especially the children.

