

Appendix 2: Partners of Wilshere-Dacre Junior Academy

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	CG-329			
Name of Organisation	Partners of Wilshere-Dacre Junior Academy			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Hitchin Highbury			
Project Type	Youth			
Green option considered?	Not applicable			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known			
Previous financial support within six years	None			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,500	Total project cost	£8,656.80	
Officer Summary				
Partners of Wilshere-Dacre Junior Academy (POWA) are a voluntary organisation run by the parent and family community of Wilshere-Dacre Junior Academy.				
They would like funding towards replacement of playground equipment for the outdoor space at Wilshere-Dacre, after the school's previous equipment had to be removed in summer 2025 as it no longer met safety standards. They would like to purchase a set of climbing equipment such as monkey bars, "A" frame and rope walk. The school completed a procurement process to identify the most suitable quote.				
POWA believe this is a hugely important addition to their playground and will significantly enhance the children's wellbeing and learning. At present the outdoor space at the school includes a large green area and smaller hard-surfaced area used for ball games and other sports, plus some covered seating. Although they can still be active on the grass and hard-surface areas, the removal of the previous equipment last summer means they no longer have any dedicated structures for climbing, swinging or more adventurous physical play.				
Playgrounds can help children practice cooperation, communication and problem solving, as well as building confidence and resilience through calculated risk-taking in a safe environment. They hear frequently from the children how much they miss the old equipment.				
Wilshere-Dacre school community have already raised around £6,000 towards the project through sponsored events such as the Hitchin Soapbox Derby and school disco events. They aim to reach the target by July 2026.				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation