



## BROOKFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Bramble class,

I am writing to thank you for your persuasive, compelling and thoughtful letters requesting that I consider your 'proposal and build a secret garden at Brookfield' wrote Elliot. These letters have been inspired by your class novel 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. In this letter, I hope to share with you the highlights of your writing and respond to your request.

Moqet opened his letter with a vivid description of 'our drab concrete playground has something missing.' Holly highlighted that 'A secret garden would benefit our mental health immensely.' 'Having a secret garden will give us a peaceful place to relax, exercise and socialise' Rayan wrote.

Sienna reminded me that children 'will concentrate better in class' Rosa also made me reflect that playground improvement 'could enrich our childhood.' Charlie thought the impact would be that 'our concentration levels would be unlimited!' Jimmy highlighted the impact with the evocative phrase 'mental health is worth more than diamonds.'

James B stated that 'there are a multitude of environmental benefits.' Marily wrote about the pollution in 'the air with toxic fumes.' James W. asked me a persuasive, rhetorical question 'Don't you agree we should do something?'

Many of you raised the environmental benefits: 'The flowers will attract bees, butterflies and other various pollinating insects' Alex wrote. Lev helped persuade me that 'Having a secret garden will make our school popular and bring more children to learn here!' Zachary evoked my senses 'If children are sad or hurt, the sounds of the birds chirping and the smell of the colourful flowers will calm them down.'

I was pleased to read that Juno knows that I am 'passionate about making our school greener.' Janell also wrote 'especially you're always talking about how you want to make the school greener.' Habiba tugged at my heart strings when she wrote: 'It would mean so much to us if you could let us have a secret garden'

Maiwand reminded me that 'we have a new gardener called Rob, what would be the point of having a gardener if we don't have a secret garden?'

I found your letters impressively well written with clear structure and sensory vocabulary. I am delighted to be able to confirm that, with the help of your letters, Brookfield will develop a new secret garden. I will be setting up a meeting with our Forest School Gardener, Rob, to share your arguments and ask him to action these brilliant ideas!

Yours,

Laurel Robin