

19th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers / Colleagues and Friends,

Volunteer Days – 14th and 15th April 2021

The land-based studies course which we will be offering from September as a new KS4 option, enables pupils to take part in local community projects which could be conservation with planting trees in the nature reserve, planting in the local village, generally thinking about the local area and what could be done to help improve it for everyone.

Following our last communication, we have been overwhelmed with offers of support. We continue to build up a network of individuals who want to work with us on helping us teach the pupils about this industry and how they may influence the future. These employers could be feed merchants, garden centres, farmers, game keepers, nature conservationists.

However, to ensure that our onsite teaching area is ready for use from the Summer term we need to do some digging and weeding. Unfortunately, a lot of the area has become overgrown. We would also like to tidy the borders around the school site.

We would like to ask for volunteers to come into school on the 14th and 15th April. We want to do a general tidy up of all of the borders around the school site and also dig and prepare for planting all the beds up in and around our animal area. If you are unable to help with the physical, we would also like donations of items for planting. We would love any of the following; hanging baskets, robust bedding plants e.g. Geraniums and Impatiens, canes, seeds, summer bulbs, compost, manure for the roses and slow release fertiliser.

We have divided the day into 2hour slots between 9:00am and 3.00pm. In order to remain COVID safe we will need to limit the number of people on the school site, allowing for social distancing and also to enable work to be done in family groups. Please could you use the link to the Microsoft form below to sign up for your preferred slot and / or to say if you are able to donate any of the above items. We will contact you to confirm times and where to meet on the day.

<https://forms.office.com/r/q0HPxUC7Am>



Donated items can be dropped off at the school anytime between 9.00am and 3.00pm from the 12th April.

We will need to ask you to bring in your own gardening gloves and equipment to reduce the risk of cross contamination. We will provide refreshments to keep you all going

Many thanks in advance for all of your help with this and I look forward to seeing you on the 14th or 15th April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Wilden', located above the printed name.

Toni Wilden
Headteacher