

EIFS OUTSIDE LEARNING PROJECT FACT SHEET

SUPPORTING PARENTS (3 – 5 age range)



Masbro Brook Green, a planned, shared outside woodland space for two-year-olds in the nursery, and also for parents attending the weekly gardening stay and play sessions

Key success criteria:

- Parents know how to access local parks and open spaces with their young children
- Parents know how to support their children's learning through outside play
- Parents know the facilities in their local library and how to use them
- Parents talk, play and read with their children outside as well as inside
- Parents know how to make the most of a trip to the shops with their children

Partnership with parents:

- It is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.
- This includes listening regularly to parents and giving parents clear information about their children's progress.
- The help that parents give their children at home with their learning, has a very significant impact on their learning.
- Some children get much less support for their learning at home than others. By knowing and understanding all the children and their families, settings can offer extra help to those who need it most.
- It is important to encourage all parents to chat, play and read with their

children.

Effective parental support includes:

- Providing a planned programme of parental support across nursery and reception.
- Knowing which parents need more 1:1 support than others and providing this.
- Enabling parents to see the benefits and educational richness of playing with, and talking and reading to their young children, especially about all matters outside!
- Providing parents with suggestions and ideas for effective shared outside play through the school website.

You might also consider:

- Whether you might be able to open a small weekly outdoor stay and play session for invited parents who would benefit from this support.

Books:

Online early books:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/choose-perfect-book-your-child-these-book-lists/>

Library links:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/whats-children-and-young-adults-our-libraries>

Useful websites for parents:

RHS Back to Nature cards:

Fairy Garden: [https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/01a41ac5-854b-4a65-992b-fa684c4269c5/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card Fairy Garden](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/01a41ac5-854b-4a65-992b-fa684c4269c5/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card_Fairy_Garden)

Pebble Painting: [https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/f0d65cd3-e215-479f-ab29-132a1512d523/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card Pebble](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/f0d65cd3-e215-479f-ab29-132a1512d523/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card_Pebble)

Wheely and toy planters: [https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/e6fa7b87-38b8-4c64-91ab-48796a925544/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card Welly Planter](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/e6fa7b87-38b8-4c64-91ab-48796a925544/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card_Welly_Planter)

Leaf wand: [https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/c81d533e-a2d1-41de-a008-673cad94a2c9/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card Leaf Wand](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/c81d533e-a2d1-41de-a008-673cad94a2c9/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card_Leaf_Wand)

Bug hotel: [https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/c13933e8-1070-4574-ae9d-37975e74f314/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card Bug Hotel](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/c13933e8-1070-4574-ae9d-37975e74f314/RHS-Garden-Activity-Card_Bug_Hotel)

Tin can herbs: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/8ac74f79-9763-49ae-9114-811fbb379225/Res-I-BTN-RHS-Garden-Activity-Card-Tin-Can-Herbs>

Den building: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/getmedia/0c854590-4402-4ef5-b4ff-70358fb638db/Res-I-BTN-RHS-Garden-Activity-Card-Den-Building>

Hungry little Minds: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

Libraries from home:

<https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/page/librariesfromhome#Libraryevents>

Videos:

Cbeebies information for parents on growing and links to Mr Bloom:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-does-your-garden-grow>

Why should children play outside:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/why-should-children-play-outside>

Learning through the mud kitchen in the garden:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVBdXeZo49g>

Recorded LBHF training on outdoor learning. This includes a video presentation showing the work of the Masbro Brook Green Centre:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=22eo9wnliC0

Local community provision to share with parents:

The nearest local park to the school/setting

The nearest local library to the school/setting

The nearest children's centre

The nearest stay and play sessions

OPERA holland Park for family learning:

<https://operahollandpark.com/projects/operaunity/>

Details of library services for the under 5s:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/whats-children-and-young-adults-our-libraries>

Parents and children can access:

Under 5s and story and rhyme sessions

Baby Bounce

Rhyme time for under 5s

Spanish under 5s

Fulham Palace family learning:

<https://www.fulhampalace.org/whats-on/for-families/>

Hammersmith Community Gardens Association family learning:

<https://hcga.org.uk/learning-play/family-learning/>