



It is with great pleasure that we are able to send you a NSHSN logo, in recognition of your ongoing commitment to healthier, happier learning at Wrington C of E Primary School.

A great strength of the process this year has been the methodical and thoughtful way that the school has approached its chosen area of activity, the improvement of activities in the school playground. Like many old schools, Wrington has a lack of playground space and an abundance of concrete! Unfortunately, this led to lots of playground accidents and disagreements, that had the potential to cause an unsettled start to classroom activities after the break.

It is a real strength of the process that information was collected from children at the start to ensure that there was a real need for the work. It was fantastic to hear that the children were involved in collecting information, as the school council devised the questionnaire that was used.

Information from the questionnaire was used as the basis for establishing 6 zones of activity. The children were able to benefit from a mixture of active and quiet zones, which was important as a lack of quiet places was one of the issues that the children themselves had raised as an issue.

Equipment was bought and stored in an organised way. Shelves were built and zone boxes labelled clearly, which should help the smooth running of the scheme. It's fantastic to hear that children will be involved further in this work, by taking part as Playground buddies who set up the zones. Hopefully, they will be able to draw to the staff's attention any issues that arise.

The children were well prepared for the launch of the zones and were talked to about their use and what was expected of them, for the system to work. The staff initially monitored what was going on to ensure that everything was working smoothly.

It must be very satisfying for the school to have seen such an improvement in the children's perceptions of playtimes. The number of children not enjoying play times reduced from 20% to 8% and the numbers saying they didn't have any thing to play with reduced massively from 76% to 16%. In addition, the school must be delighted with the reduction in behaviour incidents or disagreements and with some of the children's responses such as 'I have one word-epic!' and 'this is so much better than before'.

We congratulate everyone who has been involved in your Healthy Schools journey this year, for boosting opportunities for the children to be physically and emotionally healthy. It has been a pleasure to work with you and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

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