



29<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Trees for Delapre - The Queens Green Canopy**

I am writing to announce a very exciting project that our School Council, and children across the school, have been working on since our return from lockdown.

You may have heard your children mention designing an outdoor classroom here at Delapre or spotted the pictures of our log delivery on Twitter. Over the past few years, there have been numerous suggestions put to our School Council about creating a woodland or forest school area. Each year, we have had other priorities to focus on, but I am pleased to announce we are finally in a position to look towards achieving this amazing objective.

We are in the very early stages of this project, but we have received permission from the Local Authority and the School Premises Managers to create a small woodland area on the school field.

Children across the school have submitted a range of wonderful design ideas and the School Council have taken elements from a number of these to create a final plan.

Our next steps are to talk our plans through with some local experts and begin to plan for a 'planting event' in the Autumn. We are hoping to link our own planting with the national 'Queen's Green Canopy' to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to involve as many members of the school community as we can with this project, and will have more information for you, regarding this exciting project, once the Autumn term begins.

When we created our brand new MUGA playground we promised that we would replace the trees that, unfortunately, had to make way for that. Hopefully this project will replace those lost trees and add a great deal more to enhance our school site as well.

For now, you do not need to do anything at all - we are just letting you know about our exciting plans to enhance our school facilities. However, if you are keen to be involved then please keep an eye out for further information once we return in September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – we could not achieve such goals without it.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Casey'.

**S Casey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

