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Dear Shacklewell families,

**re: Key Stage 1 Playground**

At Shacklewell, we are incredibly proud of the rich, engaging, and high-quality outdoor spaces currently available to our children. However, our commitment to constant improvement and school development means we are always looking for ways to make our environment even more engaging. With this in mind, we are absolutely thrilled to launch the first step in a potential redesign of the Key Stage 1 playground.

We want to create a space that allows pupils to play and explore and we believe there are no better experts to guide this vision than the children themselves. We are officially inviting pupils to unleash their imaginations and submit their ultimate playground designs. To ensure everyone can participate fully, here are the guidelines for the initiative:

- **Creative Formats:** Children are welcome to submit their ideas in any format they choose—drawings, paintings and 3D models are all highly encouraged;
- **Entry Types:** Pupils can choose to submit solo entries or collaborate as part of a group, though please note there is a limit of one entry per child;
- **Submission Details:** All completed designs must be brought directly to Mr McGrath. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on their masterpiece so we can celebrate their contribution;
- **Deadline:** The final day for all submissions is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**.

This project is a wonderful opportunity for the children to channel our core school values—particularly creativity and collaboration—to dream up an outdoor space that inspires them every single day. We are so excited to see the innovative, imaginative, and thoughtful ideas our children come up with to help shape the future of our school grounds. Thank you as always for your shared enthusiasm and constant support as we continue to develop and enhance Shacklewell together.

Kind regards,

Rory McGrath  
Headteacher