#### WHAT CAN THE DORSET GARDENS TRUST DO FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

# HELPING DORSET'S SCHOOLS

Visit your site to discuss ideas and make suggestions for improvement

Give grants towards the cost of projects approved by the Trust

Tell you about other sources of help available including lists of suitable plants, other funding and information

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#### THE DORSET GARDENS TRUST

Founded in 1989, the Trust works to promote interest in and help care for Dorset's historic parks and gardens.

It encourages education about gardens and gardening, and has an active programme of visits and lectures.



For more information about joining the Dorset Gardens Trust please contact the Membership Secretary:

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Visits to discuss design and plants Solutions for new and different areas Grants towards improvements



#### YOUR SCHOOL GARDEN

#### DEVISING THE ACTION PLAN

Lasting opportunities for learning conservation, enjoyment and appreciation of the environment



The National Curriculum stresses the importance of outdoor learning.

The School grounds, their plants and wildlife can provide valuable resources in teaching every subject, from Art to Science.

Well-designed surroundings improve behaviour and create pride of ownership among children. Their interest and enthusiasm can enhance appreciation and care of the environment.

Grounds development needs a good basic plan, realistic financing, and practical plans for upkeep. It is important to involve the whole school community: children, teachers, parents and governors.

## What will benefit the school most?

Quiet seating area

Wildlife area

Sensory garden

pathway

Composting area

Pond

Raised bed

Greenhouse

Orchard

Amphitheatre

## What will you need and what will it cost?

Labour

Tools

Soil, gravel, bark, compost

Plants and seeds

Trees and shrubs

Bricks, logs, sleepers, planks

### How can the children help?

Planning

Planting

Weeding

Making bird boxes and bird tables

Helping with logs and stone piles