

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Following on from my letter at the end of last term, I write to update you on the work that has been done over the summer period in relation to looking at ways of improving the quality of air in the classrooms at Valley.

Meetings were held with two companies to discuss the installation of air purifiers in the six classrooms in the Victorian building. One company is in the process of finalising their proposal for the school and this will be discussed with the Governing Body later this term. The other company will be visiting Valley towards the end of this month to undertake air quality tests before submitting their proposal.

The school has already received quotes for the installation of green screens along the front of the school but discussions were held with the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley and with a Professor of Plant Biology over the summer holidays to explore the planting of traditional hedging as an alternative to green screens. This is taking into consideration the effectiveness of the various horticultural solutions.

Our thanks go to Greener & Cleaner Bromley and Beyond who have worked hard to secure some funding from Bromley Council and other organisations. Significant donations have already been made and, within the coming weeks a Spice Hive Community fundraising page will be launched to attract even more donations to fund the proposed environmental improvements at Valley.

Members of the school's PTA have also been working extremely hard over the summer period finalising their grant application to the Mayor of London's office to secure up to £50,000 of funding to significantly green up the wider school campus. Other grant applications have also been submitted relating to the greening up of the playground and we are awaiting the outcome of these applications.

While the issue of air pollution is not a problem that is unique to Valley Primary School, we are committing to be a leading school in the borough, as part of a wider commitment for Valley to minimise its carbon footprint and to integrate stewardship for our environment in our curriculum and school ethos.

I am excited by the environmental plans that are currently being finalised and the longer-term benefits these will bring to pupils and staff at school and I will update you all again later this term on the progress being made.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jackson
Head Teacher

