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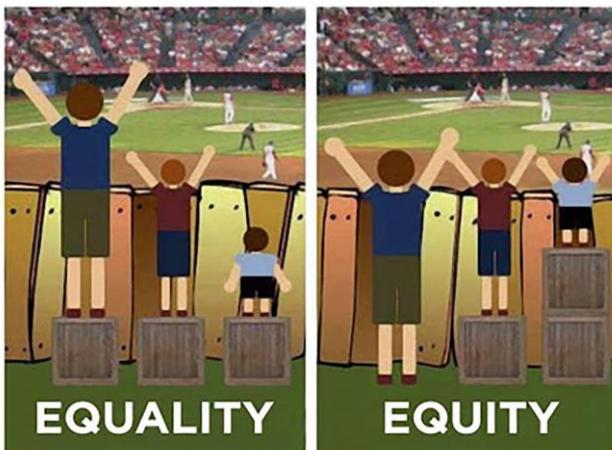
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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to ask for your help. This year 2020, has brought with it crisis, disadvantage, pain, worry but also opportunity.

Without doubt a spotlight has been shone on the divide between “lucky” and “unlucky” with the already “unlucky” families in society seemingly bearing more of the brunt of this pandemic.

At Theale Green School, we are a community and we are committed to a culture of equity, where opportunity and aspiration are for everyone, regardless of background. Some children need more support before they are able to access opportunity and to see aspiration as a possibility, due to the difficulties they have already faced during their lives.



We are determined to proceed in setting up the Theale Green School Small Garden. The Small Garden is a safe space for students who cannot, at that point in their day, manage as most students can. The purpose of this approach is to keep children in school where they belong, and be supported to overcome difficulty with skilled staff in a safe environment in order that we can successfully re-engage them in their learning.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela.



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Despite the headlines, there is absolutely no additional funding for schools this year. Budgets are even tighter, and we are having to do more, with less, in addition to the extra costs we are now paying associated with reducing the risk of COVID-19. There is no additional funding available currently to offset these costs either.

At this critical time, and now in my third year at Theale Green School. I am asking for your support to provide this facility for our students whose circumstance means that they are less able to engage in the opportunities presented by education. Our goal is to improve their position.

The overall project target (£15,000) associated with setting up the Small Garden, the facility and the resources required, with the additional costs being found out of our existing budget.

Our student numbers have increased each year since our change of Trust and Leadership and with this, over time, will come economies of scale. In the meantime, can you please help us?

Every single donation will help, and we will also be looking to our local business community to support our goal. I absolutely appreciate that for some families, this request will not come at a good time, so please forgive the intrusion; however, it is a request that I must, as Headteacher, make to the community on behalf of our young people who we must work hard to keep in school where they belong.

If you are able to support us, please make your voluntary gifts and donations direct to the school via www.parentpay.com. If you have mislaid your details please contact ncowen@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk who can re-advise you accordingly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Halliday', written over a light grey circular background.

Jo Halliday

Headteacher