

**Happy by Nature Grant Fund**  
**Initial application form – PDF copy of questions**

Please do not apply using this document. Instead, visit [www.ltl.org.uk/happy-by-nature](http://www.ltl.org.uk/happy-by-nature) and follow the link to the online form, which is open from 13 October – 9 November 2025. Ensure you read the Project Guide and the Criteria alongside this document. Questions highlighted in italics may need Senior Leadership Team input and discussion during the application process.

School name

School postcode

School address

Lead contact name

Lead contact email address

Lead contact phone number

SLT member name

SLT member email address

SLT member phone number

What is your current school roll number?

How many pupils qualify for the pupil premium payment?

How many pupils are on the SEN/ASN register?

Which LEA is your school in?

Type of school (select from drop down list)

- Primary
- Infant
- Junior
- Special school
- Other

Location of school (select from drop down list) –

- Urban or suburban school with large outdoor space
- Urban or suburban school with limited outdoor space
- Village school with large outdoor space
- Village school with limited outdoor space
- Rural school with large outdoor space
- Rural school with limited outdoor space

Approximately when was the main school building built?

Describe any staff roles within the school which have a focus on outdoor learning and play, or on the maintenance of outdoor spaces

*LtL will engage reputable Landscape Architects or designers with their own insurance to cover the Happy By Nature design process. Successful schools will need to undertake their usual processes when engaging contractors to carry out the works. Contracts for, and warranties covering, the implemented changes to school grounds will be managed by schools. At the end of the project, LtL will support your school to develop maintenance plans for your new nature-rich play spaces.*

*Do you agree to the above? Yes/No*

Please outline any funding or support received since 2019 from projects or grants which have focussed on developing your outdoor learning provision. This might include things like OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), Next-door Nature with The Wildlife Trust, or Ernest Cook Trust funding, as well as funding from Tesco Bags for Help, Aviva Community Fund or similar schemes.

Tell us a bit more about your school grounds, by selecting the types of areas you have within your site. (Tick boxes)

- Areas of mown grass
- Areas of unmown / meadow grass
- Individual trees (please state approximately how many)
- Groups of trees
- Woodland area
- Sandpit or sand play
- Water play
- Mud kitchen
- Tarmac / concrete play area
- Multi-use games area (MUGA)
- Fixed play equipment e.g. climbing frame
- Any other areas

Please describe how the different areas are used.

Describe how the weather (including frost, snow, rain, extreme heat) impact of the usage of your school grounds.

Think about how your school grounds are used. How much time do children spend outdoors during:

- Before school
- Lunchtime
- Breaktime
- Outdoor learning – lessons held outside, but excluding PE
- PE lessons
- Forest school / outdoor programmes
- Other outdoor activities e.g. gardening club, outdoor assemblies or events
- After school

Is there a seasonal variation within this?

Yes / No

If yes, please describe.

Do any community groups or organisations use your school grounds outside of school hours?

Please submit via email to [happybynature@ltl.org.uk](mailto:happybynature@ltl.org.uk) at least four photos of your school grounds which reflect their quality and usage.

How will increasing nature-based play in nature-rich spaces impact on your school's pupils?

We will need a significant number of pupils to be involved in this project. This could be a group such as a year group or class and should include at least 30 children. Describe which group you would like to involve in this project:

*As this is a pilot project, we will need all schools to support the documentation and evaluation of this project through photos, verbal feedback and, on occasion, more in-depth information to help reflect on the project and shape possible future work. You may be asked to accommodate photographer visits and gain photo consent from staff, and from parents of children, who will be photographed. Please confirm that you understand this and are willing to accommodate this. There may also be the opportunity to work with a videographer, which will be discussed with relevant schools during the project.*

Yes / No

*By completing this form, you are accepting that your personal data will be stored, used and processed by LtL and WWF-UK according to the organisations' data management policies, best practice and UK GDPR law.*

Yes / No

*If you are shortlisted for this project, we will be in touch to outline your roles and responsibilities clearly. These are outlined in the Project Guide. Please confirm you have read the Project Guide in full before submitting this application*

Yes / No



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By Nature**  
A daily dose of nature for every child

