

Happy By Nature Grant Criteria

Applications open 13 October – 9 November 2025

In order to trial the programme, WWF-UK and Learning through Landscapes will seek to include a wide variety of schools. We will consider factors such as school size, location and pupil demographic when selecting an initial group of ten schools.

We are keen to work with schools where their outdoor space is in particular need of improvement and who demonstrate understanding and commitment to the ongoing use and maintenance of the outdoor space.

We would be particularly keen to work with schools in Bradford, Swansea, Glasgow and Southampton. Please consider applying if you are based in these areas and meet the below criteria.

This project requires a significant commitment to, and input into, the project from the school. Applications for the Happy By Nature grant fund are open, via www.ltl.org.uk/happy-by-nature, to schools which are:

- State-funded Primary, Infant or Junior Schools in the UK.
- Identified by staff as having a lack of quality green outdoor space.
- Able to demonstrate senior leadership support for improving outdoor play provisions, and to the ongoing maintenance of the work, in their application.
- Able to commit to allocating time for pupils and staff to be included in the planning and implementation of the project.
- Able to commit to an ongoing utilisation of the outdoor space.
- Available to implement the project from November 2025–November 2026.

Applications for the 2025/26 Happy By Nature fund pilot phase are **not** open to:

- Secondary schools, Further or Higher education providers or standalone Early Years settings (such as nurseries or playgroups.)
- Schools in England which have received National Education Nature Park funding.

All decisions will be made by WWF-UK and Learning through Landscapes and are final. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application via email by 28 November 2025.



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A daily dose of nature for every child

