

School Grounds Collective: Statement of Purpose

We commit to working together and supporting school leaders to enhance both the quality and the use of all school grounds in England. We believe that a transformation of childhood and the environments in which children spend time is needed. A transformation created through every school providing nature rich, climate resilient and inclusive spaces that support learning, play, sport, wellbeing and meaningful community engagement.

The outcomes we will work towards:

1. Working with partners to implement aspirations within the DfE Education Estates Strategy and Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, largely through creating practical, targeted projects and pupil-centred approaches.
2. Increasing the confidence and skills of educators and teachers through high-quality training, support and guidance. This includes sharing best practice with all those responsible for school grounds, across school leadership, local government and education authorities.
3. Promoting the value of school grounds, underpinned by evidence and policy, for all children and young people, across the following activities: learning, play, sport, nature connection, health and wellbeing, climate adaptation and community cohesion.

