

To Parents/Carers

12th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Artificial Turf

I am writing to let you know about an exciting new project that will improve the PE facilities at our school and to ask you to consider submitting a supporting comment on the Wandsworth Planning Portal.

We have had ambitions to add an artificial turf sports pitch to our upper playground for several years and have recently submitted a planning application to seek permission to construct a new pitch.

Should you wish to view the plans or comment on the application, you can do so via this link: [Saint Cecilia's Artificial Turf Pitch Planning Application](#).

The planning reference number is: 2023/2642.

Select the option to: "View Associated Application Documents & Make Online Comments for Live Applications"

By adding an artificial turf pitch, we will reduce the cost of hiring external sports facilities, reduce the cost of hiring transport and reduce the time that is spent in travelling to them.

Pupils and students will have access to a high quality all-weather sports pitch for lessons and during their breaks; and the project will increase the size of the upper playground by relocating the access ramp.

Our primary goals are to improve the quality of education for our pupils and students and to reduce the costs incurred from off-site provision.

We are also mindful that our school is located in a quiet residential area and to ensure our neighbours are not unreasonably disturbed by this new facility, we are not proposing any community use of the new pitch. There will also be no loss of trees or other vegetation from the project as it is confined to our upper playground which is already a hard surface macadam playground.

An additional benefit is that safety for our pupils and students will be improved, as the new pitch will have an impact absorbing surface and the metal drainage channels and manhole covers that are currently located within our upper playground will all be relocated and covered by the new surface. This will remove significant slip hazards and provide a cushioned surface, in place of the hard tarmac surface.

A facility such as this comes at a significant cost and should we be successful in securing planning permission, we will begin a campaign to raise funds to contribute to the construction costs.

Our first hurdle is to achieve planning permission though and your support would be most appreciated if you are able to add a comment to the online planning portal.

If you would like further information about this exciting project, please contact me at any time.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Cobb
Business and Development Manager