

Decision taken by: Ward Member for – North Downs West
Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee

Subject: Stowting CEP School

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 26 July 2021

Name and address of applicant(s):

Sarah Uden
Headteacher
Stowting CEP School
Stowting Hill
Ashford
Kent TN25 6BE

Name and description of project:

Stowting School MUGA (multi use games area) – the school has out grown the small playground. For safety of all year groups, children are not allowed to run around or kick balls etc. The school is urgently seeking to improve the play and sports facilities by creating a MUGA.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £500 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

The School urgently need to improve outdoor play and sports facilities but have limited funds to create what many other schools take for granted, which is adequate playground space and facilities such as a Multi-Use Games Area. The school have outgrown the small playground. There is a large field; however, this is for dry weather only. Most of the year, 105 children squeeze onto the playground and are unable to play football or tag, or other exuberant games due to safety. Additionally, the narrow playground space precludes the teaching of sports such as Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Basketball etc. The rural location, unlike urban schools, means pupils cannot

walk to use other local facilities as none are in close proximity. Coach hire is prohibitively expensive. As such, the children suffer from rural deprivation.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:
None

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

26 July 2021

**Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee
Ward – North Downs West**

