

Grayswood Primary School

Dear Isabelle,

As well as being Churchwarden for All Saints Church I am one of the Governors for the Primary School in Grayswood.

At the Volunteer Awards the Mayor mentioned the CIL and asked for suggestions for the significant fund held that might benefit the community.

Having looked at the guidance notes for the CIL fund I see that schools are included in 'infrastructure' and at our last meeting the Governors were discussing our dire need for funding a specific project. As you know, the school has grown significantly in recent years and all classrooms and other rooms are pretty fully utilised every day. Some 9% of the school has special needs and during the pandemic we have seen an increase in cases of anxiety, which means there is a growing demand for one to one sessions. A space set aside for regular interventions would be very helpful in improving the impact of those sessions but there is nowhere in the school building that could be used. Senior leaders are exploring the possibility of an outdoor cabin and I was wondering if funding for this would be something that might be considered by the Town Council in terms of a CIL grant. I am emailing you as our local Councillor both to keep you in the loop and also for your guidance as to whether you think this is something we might pursue, in which case we will prepare a more detailed proposal with costings for consideration by the Town Council.