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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our PLACE ongoing maintenance

Following extensive parent fundraising and matched donations from the Sports Scotland Commonwealth Games legacy fund Our PLACE was installed in the Summer of 2014. But the work didn't stop there.

In order to maintain such a great resource the CPSC have set aside funding to maintain Our PLACE and have been running gardening and maintenance days throughout the last 2 years. The school have also been working with Edinburgh Council to put in place regular inspections by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) to identify areas of wear and help us identify the ongoing maintenance that is required.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the health and safety of the children who use Our PLACE both while in school and out with school hours we would like to share an overview of the RoSPA report with you. The summary of the report is attached along with a note about the works that will be happening to Our PLACE in the next few weeks.

**In summary the main areas for improvement identified are:**

**Trim Trail** - over 10 years old requires replacement parts for rotting parts of the structure

Loose Play materials - metal storage container ordered to store materials out with school hours

**Sand** - Builders sand was used in original build, this has been mixed with white sand to improve impaction and playability.

**Boat surface** - sandpit in boat was causing problems with children throwing sand over edge onto gravel. Combined problem of throwing sand onto other children and sand/gravel mix reducing impact absorbing quality of gravel

**Gravel** - wrong type of gravel was used in original build, over time this has started to compact especially in areas near sand. CPSC have sourced correct 'safety gravel' which will now be used to replace all areas of gravel. The gravel will be dug out and sleepers will be installed around the edges to increase depth of gravel 'pits' and help prevent travel of gravel around the playground.

**Rocks** - some rocks have been removed and others have had their surfaces smoothed as recommended by RoSPA.

If you have any questions you can contact Helen Donaldson, Headteacher or the CPSC. Rebecca Mill, Chair CPSC