

# Our outdoor space: learning, playing, growing

*diversifying and improving outdoor spaces to facilitate  
outdoor learning, playing & growing*



# Background & motivation

- Decreasing outside space / growing school
- Making the pitch a more useable for a growing school
- Interest from across the parent/carer forum, staff and pupils
- THC 'Growing for the Future', food growing in schools and wider discourses
- Potential for connections within the wider community and partnerships with a range of initiatives, organisations and other schools

## So far ...

- Agreed reinstatement of the attenuation tank site (infant grass)
- Secured funding & design of new playground equipment
- Secured further funding (Coop + Black Isle Care Home)
- Identified other opportunities – APC, Pebble Trust, Foundation Scotland, Cairn?
- Drafted expert informed proposal for pitch improvement
- Have expressions of support from range of community initiatives and organisations (e.g. Men's Shed, Allotment and Gardens; Fortrose High Garden)
- Connected with other Parent Councils / primary schools

# Provisional ideas ...

- Growing spaces + school dinners + fair & share
- Polycrub / outdoor classroom
- Evanton style 'lean to' shed
- Wildlife garden
- Composting
- Orchard (pitch)
- Tee pees
- Natural play equipment
- Friendship benches
- Items for different year groups / built by different year groups
- Involving /sharing space, skills, etc, with the school community and local community

# What's next?

- Gathering ideas from pupils, staff & parents/carers – ideation techniques!
- Developing a 1-3/5 yr plan for continuity with in-coming HT + future Parent Councils (short, medium & long term; regularly reviewed)
- Getting on with some immediate ideas / plans – what could we do now, offers from Men's Shed; RAGs visit?
- Building on connections and relationships (e.g. Highland Good Food - follow on event; food growing in schools workstream (HC / Highland Good Food Partnership; setting up wider HPCP schools meeting)
- Fundraising for medium – long term ideas