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Follow up Survey Report

Worsbrough Common Primary School

A Healthy Biodiversity

Dear Nicola,

Good to meet you on Thursday.

Here is a summary of our discussion:

1. It was noted that, in the main school grounds, 6 Tree Sparrow nest boxes remained intact. One needed a **metal nest hole cover** to prevent Grey Squirrel damage and **one needed repositioning**. I suggested **3 new Tree Sparrow boxes, 6 Bee boxes** and **1 Hedgehog Box** to be placed here.
2. There were two temporarily inaccessible Tree Sparrow nest boxes in the 'New Build' area.
3. Next to the school field is an area of Woodland that would be ideal for careful, controlled study. **3 more Tree Sparrow boxes** and **2 Hedgehog boxes** could be placed here if the woodland was available for study purposes.
4. The possibility of placing a **nest box with camera** in the Woodland next to the office could be considered. This web cam would have a wire stretched across the pathway and into the main school computer. There are ways of streaming live pictures to classes. The installation would be the school's responsibility with our advice. This has worked very successfully at Tankersley CE PS
5. We made an arrangement to:
 - a. Map and clean nest boxes, record contents, replace and repair nest boxes;
 - b. Repair and replace nest boxes.

This would be with the Eco-group on Wednesday 3rd Dec. However, having looked at my diary I would be grateful if this could be changed to **Wednesday 10th December**.

6. I mentioned our Hedgehog project which you could follow up with the children on www.ourhogwatch.org.uk
7. We discussed the possibility of giving a practical presentation of the work of the BBT to the Eco Group after Christmas

We would provide all new nest boxes (marked in red) free of charge, present them at a whole school assembly, help with their installation, set up a mapping and recording system and follow up with nest box cleaning and recording nest box contents in the Autumn. All activities will involve children and the school community. Please share this report with appropriate staff, governors and children and let us know whether you wish us to proceed.

Maintaining a healthy biodiversity is probably the most important challenge human beings will need to face in the future.

We look forward to seeing you on December 10th.

Kind regards,
Colin Graham.
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