

4. KIDSFIRST KINDERGARTEN RICHMOND – WILD PLAY AREA

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request received from the Richmond Kidsfirst Kindergarten. This Kindergarten is part of the Kidsfirst Association and as such has the same structure and funding as all other Kidsfirst Kindergartens. It has a management committee and the kindergarten has been on the same site at 41 North Avon Road for at least 40 years.

The Kindergarten have had plans drawn up to create a Wild Play area in their outdoor playground. The play area will consist of low growing native plants and a barked area for children to play around. The planting and growing of the plants will also be part of the children's nature study programme.

The Kindergarten are fundraising for the contracting of the work and have requested \$700 - \$800 for plants and bark. They would like to start the project in the first term of 2003.

The Board may recall at their September meeting providing the Kidsfirst Kindergarten Belfast with \$688.70 for the purchase of plants for landscaping.

Recommendation: That the Board approve a grant of \$700 from 2002/03 Discretionary funds to Richmond Kidsfirst Kindergarten for the purchase of plants and bark for their Wild Play area.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

1. That the Board allocate \$700 from 2002/2003 Discretionary Funds to Richmond Kidsfirst Kindergarten.
2. That the Board develop a policy on funding for the early childhood sector.