



## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **A sixth Dream Fund Edible Playground announced in Liverpool**

St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School, which is situated in the Norris Green area of Liverpool, is about to embark on a new teaching and learning journey over the next few years, thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The programme is a partnership between Trees for Cities, School Food Matters and Chefs Adopt a School to create 10 flagship Edible Playgrounds in London, Manchester, Leeds, Reading and Liverpool.

Trees for Cities will transform areas of the school playground into an edible playground, which will give pupils at St Teresa's the opportunity to grow fruit and vegetables and learn why healthy eating is important. As well as enriching the pupils learning experience, it will also enable the teachers to teach across their broad and creative curriculum in a fun and engaging outdoor space.

"Outdoor learning, linked to project based learning, is a major passion of mine and we are delighted to be working with Trees for Cities to transform areas of our school grounds into an edible playground", **said Acting Head Teacher, Andrew Tremarco.**

"We have also created a Cookery Classroom and our school cook delivers cooking lessons to students 2-3 times a week. We welcome Chefs Adopt a School, as part of the Dream Fund programme, to raise the profile of cooking in school even further and are excited to be working towards a Food for Life Award with third charity partner School Food Matters".

The edible playground will be designed specifically for the school, including raised beds for growing salads, root vegetables, brassicas, soft fruits and herbs, fruit trees, a green house and a composting area. Pupils will enjoy planting and harvesting workshops throughout the year, and teachers will receive support to teach outdoors through gardening.

**Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery said:** "We are delighted that the £249,180 in funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery is allowing Edible Playground across the country, the success of the project is proven and I can't wait to see the impact in Liverpool."

**David Elliott, Chief Executive at Trees for Cities said** "We are delighted to announce our sixth Dream Fund Edible Playground at St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School in Liverpool. Edible Playgrounds show children how rewarding it is to spend time outdoors and get them excited about where their food comes from. Currently we have developed over 30 edible playgrounds supporting over 10,000 pupils across the UK."

The edible playground will be completed by September after which there will be a launch event to celebrate their fantastic new garden.

If you or your business want to help raise the remainder of the funds needed for this project please visit <http://www.edibleplaygrounds.org/> where you can make a donation or get in touch with the team on 020 7820 4413.

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**Images available upon request**

## Notes to Editors

**Edible Playgrounds** transform areas in school grounds into vibrant outdoor spaces that excite and teach children about growing and eating healthy food. By instilling healthy eating habits at an early age, they help tackle obesity, food poverty and lack of access to nature head on, and provide a platform for fun and engaging lessons that support the school curriculum.

Edible Playgrounds is a programme led by Trees for Cities who have been working in schools to plant fruit and nut trees for over 10 years.

An Edible Playground typically includes raised beds, a greenhouse, a tool shed and tools for children, wormery, compost area, fruit trees, fruit and vegetable plants and an irrigation system. The school is also supported for 12 months post build with capacity building, including management planning and teacher training.

[www.edibleplaygrounds.org](http://www.edibleplaygrounds.org)

**Trees for Cities** is the only charity working on an international scale specialising in planting urban trees and providing volunteering opportunities to bring local people together. We are a game-changing, ambitious organisation that sets the standard for urban forestry worldwide. Our groundbreaking Edible Playground programmes inspire children to grow and eat good food, and create a lifelong connection with nature. Since we started in 1993, we have engaged over **70,000 people** to plant over **600,000 trees cities worldwide**. We plant trees in parks, streets, schools and housing estates.

**School Food Matters** is a registered charity based in London that campaigns for fresh sustainable food in schools and for children to understand where their food comes from. To achieve this SFM listens to schools, parents and children. Together they urge local authorities to improve school meals and to support food education through cooking, growing and links with local farms. <http://www.schoolfoodmatters.com/>

**Chefs Adopt a School** founded in 1990 by the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, Adopt a School, which includes Chefs Adopt a School and Hospitality in Schools, is a national charity which teaches children – in a holistic way – about food, cookery food provenance, food growing, healthy eating, nutrition, hygiene, table etiquette and the importance of eating together. Professional Chefs deliver sessions in the classroom which range in content from the four tastes and the five senses, to advanced practical cookery. The charity reaches over 20,000 children every year and we work with primary schools, secondary schools, SEN schools, hospital schools, pupil referral units, sports centres and food festivals. We believe that every child should be taught about the importance of food and the significance it has in our lives. <http://www.chefsadoptaschool.org.uk/>

## About People's Postcode Lottery

- People's Postcode Lottery is a charity lottery. Players play with their postcodes to win cash prizes while raising money for charities and good causes across Great Britain and globally

- People's Postcode Lottery is an External Lottery Manager and manages multiple society lotteries promoted by different causes supporting a range of good causes. For details on which society lottery is running each week, visit [www.postcodelottery.co.uk/society](http://www.postcodelottery.co.uk/society)
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- Maximum amount a single ticket can win is 10% of the draw revenue to a maximum of £400,000
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