

16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that Watling Academy will soon be the proud owner of two allotments.

The first phase of this project will be the construction of raised vegetable beds on site, which are expected to be in place by the end of the May half term. Soon afterwards, we hope to welcome some chickens!

The second phase is the kind donation by the Community Council of an allotment on the Whitehouse development, for which we are very grateful.

Both phases of this project will allow students to engage in outdoor learning, developing their understanding of where food comes from, taking responsibility for caring for animals, and improving the Academy's sustainability by producing food that will be used in the school kitchen.

### **How can you help?**

We would welcome any donations of the following items, in good condition. If you are able to help, please drop them off at Reception:

- Hand Tools
- Seeds/plants – Fruit & Vegetables only, please
- Bamboo sticks
- Watering cans
- Hoe
- Gardening gloves
- Netting



- Hose
- Seed trays
- Plant food

We will also be looking for some larger items, including:

- Storage shed
- Small greenhouse
- Open water butt
- Chicken house.

If you have one of these that you would be happy to donate or would like to support the project in any other way, please contact Mrs Windsor, via the School Office, to discuss this further.

Thank you in advance for your support for this project, which we are hoping will be a positive experience for everyone involved.

Yours faithfully,

*Miss Rhodes*

Miss Rhodes – Operations Manager