

# News

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## Playtime for Salford Schoolchildren!



A primary school in Salford has given its playground a much-needed spruce-up, thanks to a cash injection from local property developer, the English Cities Fund.

St Philip's C of E Primary School, based in the Chapel Street area of the city, received £2,500 from the business and has used the money to boost its playground equipment and sports supplies.

The school opted for a new Snug playground set, as well as a range of toys and equipment, including skipping ropes, sports balls and beanbags. The remaining money has been put into a fund, which will be used to sponsor residential trips for children who would otherwise be unable to go.

Tim Hayward, PE curriculum leader at St Philip's C of E Primary School, said: "We're absolutely thrilled to have been given the opportunity to improve our playground facilities and are hugely grateful to the English Cities Fund for their generous donation. The children were so excited to put the new equipment to good use - it's made playtimes even more fun for them.

"The fund will also make the world of difference to pupils whose families' financial situation prevents them from going on school trips. We want all of the children at St Philip's to enjoy their time here and get the most out of their education, and support like this helps us no end in achieving this."

The English Cities Fund is the company behind Carpino Place, a new development of 22 townhouses located next to the school. The scheme, delivered in conjunction with Salford City Council, sold out in November last year after just seven months on the market and has just welcomed its final residents.

The sell-out of Carpino Place follows the success of Timekeepers Square, a Georgian-style development of 36 townhouses which also sold out in seven months during 2016, and Vimto Gardens - a mixture of 97 apartments and townhouses which all sold out within 12 months of its launch in 2014.

Hollie Reynolds, senior residential sales and marketing manager for the North at the English Cities Fund, said: “As a business, we always try to give back to the local community and, having been providing housing in the area for a good few years now, we’ve become particularly close to St Philip’s – especially with Carpino Place being on their doorstep.

“With all of the residents now moved in, it seemed the right time to give the school a helping hand. We’re delighted to see how well the pupils have received their new kit and we hope it makes this term even more enjoyable!”

For more information about Carpino Place, visit [www.carpinoplace.co.uk](http://www.carpinoplace.co.uk).

To register interest for future English Cities Fund developments on Chapel Street and New Bailey, email [sales@carpinoplace.co.uk](mailto:sales@carpinoplace.co.uk) or call 0161 989 0158.