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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Year 5 Pupil Voice with the Inclusion, Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

I had the pleasure of spending time talking with some of the Year 5 pupils recently to understand their views about safety and wellbeing in school.

Here are some of the things they had to say. For your information all Pupil Voice from a range of pupils can be found on our website <http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/pupil-voice>

Q. What would you tell a visitor about WH, what is it like to be a pupil here

A. It's safe here. There are always lots of teachers here to protect us. The gates are locked and you can't climb the fences. Teachers act on things, I wouldn't feel safe if they didn't, but they do.

Q. What can you tell me about behaviour at WH? (good/dealt with well/support)

A. Bad behaviour is dealt with well. There are consequences for children who do not behave well. Some teachers are a little more strict but they all take behaviour seriously. We have just done anti-bullying week.

Q. Do you feel safe at WH?

A. Yes!

Q. Tell me about School Values, SMSC & BV

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- A. They help keep us in line and on the right track. If you follow them then you are safer. The values make you do positive things and they get you in the right direction.
- Q. Tell me about play and lunch times
- A. There are gates around the playground and lots of staff outside to keep us safe. If there is something wrong we can tell the staff and they deal with it.
- Q. Do you have someone in school you can talk to if you are worried?
- A. FLOs, teachers – they always listen to us, TAs. All of the adults listen to us.
- Q. Tell me about how to keep safe online
- A. Never go on things over your age group. Teenagers can be rude online. Use appropriate usernames not including your name, that's really important. Be careful of viruses. We do online safety every term and cyberbullying.
- Q. Do you know what the risks are online?
- A. Tell an adult if something is scary or wrong. Don't click on things you don't know about – people can hack you. Look out for scams.
- Q. Tell me about keeping healthy
- A. The school gives us balanced school dinners. You have to eat 5 lots of fruits or veg a day. If you are ill your mum calls or emails the office to let Matron know. Matron helps you if you are ill or hurt. You have to have good mental health too. The FLO team can help with that.
- Q. Tell me about wellbeing
- A. We do wellbeing lessons and PSHE. We have sessions to help us self-manage and we share strategies to help each other. We look at different strategies. It would be good if we had a short afternoon breaktime.
- Q. Tell me about LORIC
- A. It is trying to keep us safe. Year 5 could name all of the aspects of LORIC. We have post-its up showing how we use them. It's about how to have a balanced life and wellbeing.
- Q. Tell me about debates
- A. This is the best way possible to find out about the world. We hear everyone's opinions and every voice is heard. We learn about real problems in the world. It helps us think about how we could fix them and the careers we might want in the future that might fix them.

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Q. Tell me about themed days

A. They are fun. There are lots of activities. We learn a lot. They are dedicated to themes that help us.

Q. Tell me about clubs

A. We get to pick the activities we want to do. There are calming clubs and you can play with your friends. They give you an academic boost. There is also after school club if your parents work.

Q. What is great about the school

A. There are lots of teachers and we learn lots. There are lots of resources. We have lots of time at lunchtime. You can retain the information because you come back to it each year and learn a bit more.

Q. What would make the school even better?

A. Sit with whoever we want at lunch rather than our class. Have more resources on the playground at play time.

I hope you are as impressed as I am with their answers. They have shown they are safe in in school and they have many people they can go to if they need help. They also have a good understanding of keeping themselves mentally and physically healthy.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Skinner
Inclusion, Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

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