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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. There is great teaching here. There are lots of resources like the library. The teachers are nice. The lessons are fun. The school is safe we practise lockdowns.

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

A. Dealt with! Some children try to lie to get away with it.

Q. Do you feel safe at WH?

A. Yes! It is safe here. There are lots of teachers around. We practise fire alarms. We have lots of gates and people on the gates making sure we are ok. There are lots of teachers about to keep us safe. Safety is our shining point at this school – the best of any school.

Q. Tell me about School Values, SMSC & BV

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- A. We have them in our next steps, and LORIC too. We reflect on the SMSC and BV in the lesson in the plenary. This is very important and a great thing we do here. I would like to do even more.
- Q. Tell me about play and lunch times
- A. People sometimes run fast. It would be nice to have more equipment outside.
- Q. Do you have someone in school you can talk to if you are worried?
- A. FLOs, there are posters up saying who you can talk to, Mr Dinham, all of the teachers and TAs, Mrs Skinner and Miss Cotchin.
- Q. Tell me about how to keep safe online
- A. We are very aware of how to keep safe online. The staff all want us to be safe online which is why we do it so often, anything can happen online. Having the sessions helps us. Teacher make sure they tells us how to do things and stay safe.
- Q. Tell me about keeping healthy
- A. We have healthy lunches. We do PE. We cover it in assemblies. We look at mental health. We accept people, we don't judge people with mental health issues. We have lots of resources that help your mental health and we can talk to the FLO team if we need help. We do wellbeing sessions every week.
- Q. Tell me about LORIC
- A. We use LORIC in next steps and in lessons. We went outside last summer and did lots of LORIC activities. We focus on it in assemblies. It is covered in RE, PSHE and assembly time. We use the skills in our lessons.
- Q. Tell me about debates
- A. We have debates every other week. We get to have our own opinion and we vote. No one laughs if you have different ideas.
- Q. Tell me about focused learning days
- A. They are fun, they are really good. We learn lots of new links like careers day and e-safety day.
- Q. Tell me about clubs
- A. Clubs are great. There are lots of different types of clubs.
- Q. What is great about the school
- R.

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A. Resources, lots of resources and PE resources. There is a big field and we do things outside. Every lesson is different. This is a good school, we don't just do maths and English we also learn about being kind and being safe. We do SMSC and BV that will help us in our lives be better people. We have focused learning days where we do subjects with a twist.

Q. What would make the school even better?

A. Spend more time in the library. More experiments in science. Extra calm time and time to write stories.

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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