To all the children in Year 3, 4 & 5

Thank you for completing my recent questionnaire. The results were very interesting and will be helpful in improving your enjoyment throughout the school day.

I was delighted that so many of you felt that the adults listen to you when you speak and that you know that you can always talk to an adult if you are upset and we would try our best to help you. I was however rather disappointed to learn that you felt that some staff do not listen to your concerns; this was most apparent at lunchtimes.

Playtimes for the vast majority of you were a positive experience, although there were comments regarding some unkindness, both verbal and physical as well as rough play and at times balls being kicked deliberately at people in the ball court. As you are all aware the ball court is the only space where balls are now permitted to be used as previously the football areas had governed a huge space on the lower playground too. I recall last summer feeling very unsafe as I walked across the playground due to the speed and quantity of footballs being kicked about.

So… moving forward you can all probably guess what is going to be happening as a result of this feedback from you all. Yes, that’s right, staff will be being asked to keep an extra eye out for you all. Additionally the school has just had CCTV installed over the Easter holiday which will allow us all to review and monitor all areas of the playground, including the corridors and ball court. Anyone found to be behaving in an intimidating or over boisterous way will be spoken to as it is imperative that everyone takes full responsibility for their behaviour to help our school be the best that it can be at all times. PLEASE try to remember that you might ruin someone’s day by being too rough and make them sad. I know that none of you would want this so please try EXTRA hard to be considerate in your play and kind with your words.

Question 3 asked if you thought there was bullying at our school and I was very pleased to hear that hardly any of you thought this was a problem. Indeed lots of you were able to tell why it was so important not to be unkind. However, some of you did share some concerns over the Year 6 behaviour which was particularly disappointing.

We always try to be the best that we can be, so please start this new term being more aware of your own behaviour so that together we build an even better school.

Thank you once again for your honesty and consideration in answering the 5 questions. Please help me to make our school the VERY best it can be!

From

Mrs Sammons