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Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

I am writing to address some concerns that I have been told recently circulated on parent WhatsApp groups about children being hurt during playtime. I would like to reassure you that, following careful monitoring and thorough conversations with staff and pupils, we have *not* found evidence of deliberate harm or bullying.

What we have seen, is that some energetic games such as chasing games and tag have, at times, become too boisterous. When this has happened, staff have stepped in immediately and addressed the behaviour in line with our Relationships and Behaviour Policy. Children in Year 3 are still developing their understanding of boundaries, personal space, and the impact of their actions on others. Sometimes they will get this wrong, and we use these moments to guide them and help them learn.

I kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these messages at home. If we contact you to let you know that your child has been involved in unsafe play, working together on consistent messages really helps all children feel safe and supported.

I would also encourage parents to speak directly with the school if they have concerns. Conversations on WhatsApp can easily be taken out of context or grow in ways that create unnecessary worry for both adults and children. Coming to us means we can give you accurate information and work constructively together.

Our priority is, as always, the wellbeing and safety of all pupils. Thank you for your continued partnership and understanding as we support the children in learning how to play positively and respectfully.

Kind regards,

Claire Barker

