



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## Use of the School Yard

I would like to clarify the rules regarding the use of footballs in school.

Year 10 students are permitted to use the Back Yard for football on Tuesdays and Thursdays at morning break and at lunchtime. Year 10 students are permitted to use the Yard before school ONLY when a supervising member of staff, usually the Head, is in attendance.

The school rules also state that boys must not "play unsupervised ball games with hard balls". In this instance "unsupervised" means any ball game that is not taking place as part of a lesson.

We do not allow hard footballs because of the risk of injury if another person is hit with one. The risk of damage to property is also much greater with hard footballs. This is especially important because the yard is very small and footballs do sometimes get kicked into neighbouring properties.

Light plastic footballs can be purchased in school from the Finance Office. Boys have been reminded of the rule concerning suitable footballs so if your son does bring a hard football into school he can expect it to be confiscated.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Middle School