

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your introduction effectively establishes the importance of playgrounds in school environments. You've included emotive language with "frustrated" and descriptive elements with "rust coats any equipment".

Weakness: Inconsistent formality → The tone shifts between formal and casual, undermining the professional impression needed for a principal. Phrases like "so much so that I had to write an email to you about it" sound conversational rather than formal. Consider maintaining a consistently respectful, professional register throughout the entire email.

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of our playground facilities, which are not only failing to meet our students' developmental needs but also presenting significant safety hazards.

#2 Strengths: You've used strong descriptive language with "swings creak" and "faded and rough" to paint a vivid picture of the playground's poor condition.

Weakness: Underdeveloped evidence → Your argument lacks specific examples or evidence to support the claims about safety concerns. Phrases like "many areas of the playground that show disrepair" are vague. Include concrete examples of safety issues, perhaps with numbers of reported incidents or specific hazards identified during inspections.

The playground's deterioration is evident in multiple areas: the swing set foundation has become unstable with visible corrosion at the base, the slide surface has worn to a rough texture causing friction burns as reported by our school nurse, and the cracked concrete presents tripping hazards that have resulted in three documented injuries this term alone.

#3 Strengths: You effectively connect playground improvements to educational benefits with phrases like "cognitive and emotional development" and "teamwork, group collaboration".

Weakness: Unspecified implementation → While your proposal mentions adding "new equipment" and "sensory integration options", it lacks specific details about what these improvements would entail or how they would be implemented. The sentence "Not only will this create a safe, inclusive, inviting atmosphere of play, but constant engagement from students of all ages" makes claims without supporting details.

Our proposed renovation includes installing weather-resistant composite play structures designed for mixed-age engagement, creating rubberised impact-absorbing surfaces to replace cracked concrete, and establishing sensory-rich quiet zones featuring textured panels and musical elements that would particularly benefit our neurodiverse students.

Your piece shows good understanding of the formal email format and includes several effective descriptive and emotive elements. However, it would benefit from more consistent formality throughout, specific examples of the current playground issues, and detailed descriptions of proposed improvements. The email needs a clearer structure with a proper opening, body paragraphs that build your case logically, and a conclusion that includes a specific request with timeframe.

■ Consider strengthening your argument by including more precise information about the current safety hazards and connecting them directly to student wellbeing. Additionally, you might include more specific details about the proposed renovations, potential costs, and implementation timeline. Also, remember to include a proper closing with a clear call to action stating what specific next steps you're requesting from the principal. Your email would also benefit from a more formal sign-off that includes your name and position. Focus on maintaining a consistently professional tone throughout while still incorporating the required emotive and descriptive elements.

Overall score: 35/50

Section 2:

Subject Line: Danger to Students - The Old Playground

Dear Principal Ben Dover,

A playground is an essential part of the school structure; it allows for students to ~~get recess~~ [gain recess] exercise, establish friendships, and learn invaluable social skills for a growing and changing student body. However, with the current condition of the playground, students leave frustrated, and even worse, ~~there come~~ [they return] with safety concerns. ~~And they~~ [They] are not the only ones. ~~It's~~ [It is] easy to see how much rust coats any equipment- so much so that I had to write an email to you about it. As School Leader of ~~The~~ [the] Committee Council, everyone came with their concerns. #1

Students have come to me expressing their concerns about the equipment and cracked pavement or lack of play structures that encourage play. The swings creak with no one on them, the slide is faded and rough, and there are many areas of the playground that show disrepair. Where there used to be sounds of laughter and energy on a warm day now is a boring, unsafe, and unappealing place to spend playtime. #2

Studies have shown that play and physical exercise contribute greatly to the cognitive and emotional development of children. Therefore, a renovated playground not only provides students with access to active play, but also teaches them about teamwork, group collaboration, problem-solving, and overcoming ~~Obstacles~~ [obstacles]. Without a renovation attempt, students are basically left with a playground set that does not meet their developmental needs and recreational desires.

We intend to add new equipment in exchange for outdated options, resurface areas that are cracked and present safety issues, and include equipment that boasts sensory integration options, as well as shaded seating options. Not only will this create a safe, inclusive, inviting atmosphere of play, but constant engagement from students of all ages. #3

Furthermore, a safe playground will encourage healthy developments within a school community that values such holistic growth. This will ensure that the playground is used for its natural intentions and fosters not only physical inclusion, but also emotional stability, as students are able to play, destress, and recharge during critical downtime. They deserve refuge that is comfortable and safe for their well-being.

~~Sincerely,~~ [Yours sincerely,]

[Your Name]

[Your Position]