

21 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Fireworks in and near school**

As we approach Diwali and Guy Fawkes Night we have concerns about the safety of our students.

Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Every year, hundreds of people suffer serious burns and eye injuries. This is why it is illegal to buy fireworks if you are under 18 years old. Sparklers and snappers are classed as fireworks and the same laws apply. It is also illegal for under 18's to possess fireworks in a public place.

We have made it clear to students that any involvement with fireworks is a breach of the school's behaviour code that will lead to the permanent exclusion of any students found to be involved. Please note that we regard "snappers" as a form of firework.

Bringing fireworks into school is a very serious matter which will not be tolerated. We will also take action if students are in possession of fireworks before or after school, including their journey to school and their journey home.

We appreciate your support in this serious matter and request that you discuss these matters with your child so that they are fully aware of the dangers of fireworks and the law about buying and using them. In doing so we will ensure the safety of our staff, students and community.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G McKenna  
**Headteacher**