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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Fireworks in and near school

As we approach Diwali and Guy Fawkes Night we would like to remind you of our concerns relating to the use of fireworks and in particular about ensuring the safety of our students.

Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Every year there are many injuries in the United Kingdom caused by the improper use of fireworks and bonfires, resulting in serious burns, eye injuries and breathing difficulties. To prevent the misuse of fireworks, it is illegal to buy any 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. If you would like further information on the dangers of fireworks and bonfires, please visit the [Children's Burns Trust website](http://www.childrensburnstrust.org.uk).

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. We are also informing you as parents and carers, so that you are aware of the severity of our concerns. 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 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 Christopher Dixon
Headteacher



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