



21 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Fireworks**

As we enter our half term break, I hope all our students and families have a productive and restful half term. I would like to also wish a happy Diwali to all families which are celebrating the festival of light.

During this period there will be a range of firework displays in the local area. Many people will also be using fireworks during family gatherings. November will also be marked with Guy Fawkes celebrations. Naturally we want all students to remain safe and whilst fireworks provide entertainment, they 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. Involvement with fireworks is also a serious breach of the school's behaviour code which can lead to a permanent exclusion.

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

Mrs M Manderson  
**Headteacher**

