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Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 1 Safeguarding Newsletter – Firework Safety

As we approach the time of year when fireworks light up the sky, we want to take this opportunity to remind all families about the importance of firework safety — both at home and in the wider community.

Fireworks can be an exciting part of celebrations, but they can also cause serious injury if not handled correctly. We want all our students and families to enjoy this season safely and responsibly.

Firework Safety Tips for Families

If you plan to use fireworks or sparklers at home, please remember:

- Only adults should handle or light fireworks.
- Ensure sparklers are held at arm's length and kept well away from other people.
- Once a sparkler has gone out, place it in a bucket of water or sand — it remains hot for a long time.
- Never give sparklers to very young children.
- Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit, even if it hasn't gone off.
- Always follow the manufacturer's safety instructions carefully.
- Keep children and pets a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires.
- Whenever possible, attend an organised public display, as these are safer and better regulated.

Important Notice for Parents of Secondary Students

Recent local news reports have raised concerns about groups of young people engaging in “firework fights” and unsafe behaviour in public spaces. These incidents are extremely dangerous and illegal, and have already resulted in police action in some areas.

We ask all parents and carers of older students to:

- Discuss the real dangers and legal consequences of misusing fireworks.
- Remind your child that setting off fireworks in a public place (including streets, parks, or school grounds) is against the law.
- Encourage them to walk away from situations where fireworks are being misused.
- Report unsafe or antisocial behaviour to the police on 101 or in an emergency 999 or report anonymously through Crimestoppers (0800 555 111).

Your support in reinforcing these messages at home helps us keep all young people in our community safe.

Together, we can ensure all children and young people enjoy a safe and happy firework season.

If you have any questions or require further support please do reach out to your schools Designated Safeguarding Lead or you can contact me directly lacie.hooper@clf.uk or via telephone 07510 383335.

Yours Sincerely

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