

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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HALLOWEEN AND FIREWORKS

Halloween Safety

- Supervise younger children when trick-or-treating and agree a safe route in advance
- Ensure costumes are visible in the dark – consider adding reflective tape or carrying a torch
- Check all treats before children eat them and discard anything unwrapped or that looks suspicious
- Talk to your children about stranger danger and remind them only to visit houses they know

Fireworks Safety

- Only attend organised firework displays where possible
- If using fireworks at home, always follow the Fireworks Code and keep a safe distance
- Never give sparklers to children under 5, and supervise older children carefully – sparklers can reach 2,000°C

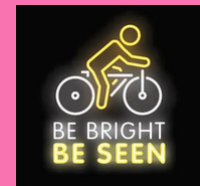
BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Keeping Your Child Safe in the Dark

With shorter days and darker evenings, help keep your child safe with these simple steps:

What to do:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing – especially during morning and evening journeys
- Use lights on bikes and scooters – front, rear lights and reflectors are essential
- Choose well-lit routes – even if it takes a little longer
- Set a good example – wear reflective gear yourself



HOUSING ISSUES?

If your family is experiencing any housing difficulties or uncertainties, we would really appreciate you letting us know. This might include if you are:

- Living in temporary accommodation
- Staying in a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)
- Facing the possibility of eviction or being asked to leave your property
- Moving frequently between different addresses
- Experiencing housing-related debt or rent arrears
- At risk of homelessness or currently homeless

Why we're asking

By being aware of your family's housing situation, we can:

- Ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details for you
- Put appropriate support in place for your child at school
- Connect you with local services and agencies who can provide practical help and advice
- Work with you to ensure your child's education continues smoothly during any period of housing uncertainty

Complete confidentiality

Any information you share with us will be treated in the strictest confidence and handled sensitively. We simply want to make sure we can offer the right support at the right time.