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Dear Headteacher

Working together, Norfolk County Council Trading Standards, Norfolk County Council Fire and Rescue Service and Norfolk Constabulary, want to help make sure everyone can enjoy Halloween and Guy Fawkes celebrations by:

- Taking preventative steps to tackle anti social behaviour to help Norfolk residents enjoy a safe place to live
- Protecting children from the dangers of fireworks to avoid serious harm and injury

How can you help?

Please help us by raising awareness of these issues with staff and pupils:

Halloween

To help avoid anti social behaviour by trick or treaters, who may throw eggs or flour at residents and their homes, we would be grateful if you would prohibit these items on school grounds and report any sales made to your pupils from nearby shops to Norfolk Constabulary in the days leading up to 31 October.

Local Safer Neighbourhood teams will be reinforcing this message by distributing posters for residents to display, indicating whether they are happy to receive trick or treaters. We are asking young people and their parents to respect this and only visit homes which are positively encouraging this activity.

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Firework Safety

We want to help make sure Guy Fawkes celebrations are enjoyed safely and responsibly by protecting children from the dangers of using fireworks, avoiding serious harm and injury. Licensed retailers are restricted to selling fireworks between 15 October and 10 November. Although many businesses trade responsibly and ask young people for evidence of their age, we will be visiting businesses and carrying out underage test purchases to make sure fireworks are not supplied inappropriately.

Please find attached educational leaflets for display at your school to help warn young people of the dangers of playing with fireworks.

For more information or to discuss anything of concern, please contact us:

Norfolk Constabulary – webmaster@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Norfolk County Council Fire and Rescue Service – hq@fire.norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk County Council Trading Standards – trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk

Thank you for your support.

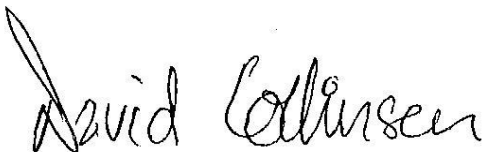
Yours faithfully



Chief Constable Phil Gormley



Chief Fire Officer Nigel Williams



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