

Our school has signed the Norfolk Sky Lantern and Balloon Release Charter.

Releasing helium filled balloons and sky lanterns causes many problems. Sadly, animals can get hurt or die from getting trapped in or eating the remains of lanterns and balloons which can end up as litter in the countryside, on beaches and in the sea and sky lanterns can also be a fire risk. There are lots of exciting ways to celebrate events instead, such as using giant bubbles, flying kites, banners and streamers, drumming, and tree planting.

By signing the charter our school pledges not to release sky lanterns and balloons from our land. You can **sign up** too as an individual or for your business or community group on the Norfolk County Council webpage www.norfolk.gov.uk/balloonsandskylanterns You can also find out more about alternative celebration ideas and download a free poster to display.

The charter is for anyone, whether it's a large organisation or just one person. Everyone can choose to pledge to use safer and more environmentally friendly ways to celebrate and not allow the release of balloons or lanterns on land they own.

