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Dear Head Teacher

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

In light of the recent tragic fire incident in Hulland Ward, Ashbourne, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service would like remind our community about the importance of working smoke alarms and making a fire plan for your home.

We are seeking your support in helping us to get this message across to school children, parents and carers across Derby and Derbyshire. To this end we would appreciate if you could cover some basic fire safety tips in your next school assembly, which are attached to this letter.

We would also like to encourage schools to use their SMS service to communicate the following safety message to parents and carers.

PLEASE TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS WEEKLY MAKE A FIRE PLAN WITH YOUR FAMILY STAY SAFE FROM FIRE IN THE EVENT OF FIRE GET OUT STAY OUT CALL 999.www.derbys-fire.gov.uk

And finally we would like to ask that you visit our website and print off the 'Question Your Perception' poster to advertise in your School Reception, and/or add the link to your school website. Our website address is **www.derbys-fire.gov.uk**.

We anticipate that you will support us in this campaign which will ultimately help to make the residents of Derbyshire safer. Please can you confirm your support of this campaign by contacting your local Area Office at Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Email: enquiries@derbys-fire.gov.uk
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Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

Making Derbyshire Safer

High Peak and Derbyshire Dales - 01298 22274
Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire & Bolsover District – 01246 223500
Amber Valley & Erewash – 0115 9326832

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Safety Team deliver a fire safety programme to all Year 2 and Year 6 school children. This campaign will enhance the messages delivered with your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping us to share these important safety messages.

Yours sincerely

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Area Manager Gavin Tomlinson



Home Fire Safety Advice

- Check you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home.
- Ask an adult to help you test your smoke alarms weekly and to replace the batteries once every year.
- Plan an escape route with your family so you all know what to do if a fire starts in your home.
- Have a night time routine, switch off all electrical appliances and close you internal doors before you go to bed.
- Never touch matches, lighters or cigarettes. If you see them in your home, always tell an adult.
- Always use a fire guard and never stand too close to the fire place. Should your clothes catch fire, STOP DROP AND ROLL.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Never leave candles unattended, always tell an adult if a candle is left burning.
- Always switch off electrical appliances when you have finished using them. Never leave your TV on standby. Never take drinks near to anything electrical.
- Never attempt to tackle a fire, GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 999.