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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's that time of year again where communities will soon be enjoying celebrations including Halloween, Diwali and Bonfire night.

Children and young people will break up from school this week and whilst this provides an opportunity for families and friends to spend some enjoyable time together, I want to remind you all of the dangers that this busy holiday period poses. The darker nights will soon be upon us, so ask yourself if you know where your child is going, who they are with and what they are doing.

Fireworks provide wonderful entertainment as part of an organised display. They can, however, be very dangerous when used inappropriately. Remember that in order to buy fireworks you must be over the age of 18 and they can only be purchased from registered sellers. Please remind your child of this: any child or young person found in possession of, or letting off fireworks in public commits an offence. More importantly, they also place themselves and members of the public in unnecessary danger.

Also, please be mindful of those vulnerable members of society who may be fearful at this time of year. I would ask you to ensure that your child does not cause unnecessary distress through their actions, whether by involving themselves in anti-social behaviour or associating with those engaging in such behaviour.

Sandwell Police are very proud of our relationship with the young people of Sandwell and our wider communities. We encourage families to spend time with each other and enjoy this season of the year.

At the same time I would ask you, as parents/guardians, to ensure that the whole of Sandwell can enjoy this time together, and that the actions of a few do not spoil the enjoyment of many. If we all ensure our own child is safe then we can be sure others are safe too.

Regards

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