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Fire Safety Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that pupils have taken part in a fire safety assembly this week, focusing on the serious impact of wildfires and deliberately started fires and as part of our Personal Development Programme. The assembly was delivered in response to the significant number of wildfires seen across the UK this summer, including incidents in the West Midlands. Pupils were given clear, age-appropriate information about how quickly fires can spread, the damage they can cause to homes, wildlife and the environment, and the pressure they place on our emergency services.

During the assembly, pupils also learned about:

- The dangers of people deliberately starting fires
- The legal consequences of arson
- The age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales
- Recent examples of young people becoming involved in fire-setting
- The UK Government Emergency Alert sent during the period of extreme wildfire risk
- What to do if they see a fire or witness someone attempting to start one

Our key message to pupils was simple: **Starting a fire is never a joke or harmless fun.** A small flame can quickly become uncontrollable and can have life-changing consequences for individuals, families and communities. Pupils can support by responding quickly if they see a fire or witness someone attempting to start a fire. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home, particularly around the dangers of matches, lighters and disposable barbecues.

If your child has any concerns following the assembly, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult in school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our pupils and the wider community safe.

Yours faithfully

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