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Safety at the Local Shops during Fireworks Season

Dear Families

Unfortunately I have received reports of young boys throwing fireworks in the vicinity of our local shop, this prompted me to speak to the students in assembly on Friday. My message was for the students to avoid this area until after the end of November and would ask that you reinforce this message.

It is usual for a number of our students and those from the neighbouring schools to congregate in the area around the shops in Upper Tulse Hill after school. This is normally an agreeable and orderly meeting place. However, during the build up to fireworks season, some young boys seem to come into this area and are reportedly behaving dangerously with fireworks.

The shop owners have reported this matter to the police who are taking it seriously, but cannot ensure that they will always be able to have an officer present. St Martin's senior staff are on duty at the shops every day and will move our students away from this area. We also hope that our presence will deter the boys from hanging around the area.

The police are maintaining contact with us and other local schools and have asked that we make our students aware of keeping safe. They are also working closely with the shops and local residents.

I would very much appreciate your support in reiterating my message that, unless it is absolutely necessary, your daughter should avoid the shops at Upper Tulse Hill until the fireworks season is fully over. If she really has to go there, she buys what she needs, and leaves the area. We will be there to ensure that this happens.

We can all enjoy fireworks at the proper time, at organised displays. We also know that they can also be extremely dangerous in unsupervised situations. The safety of your daughter and all of our students is paramount and we will continue to reinforce this message. Thank you for your support, together we are most effective.

Thank you for your continued support and I will keep you updated as necessary .

Yours sincerely

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