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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the run up to bonfire season, Police Scotland, East Lothian Council and Scottish Fire & Rescue are keen to support people in staying safe during the festivities. In previous years we have seen firework-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) and disorder throughout communities, and we are asking for your help to prevent this occurring again. We're therefore offering the following advice:

- Unless supervised by an adult, please do not allow your children or young people to handle, purchase or set off fireworks.
- Do not allow your children or young people to be involved in or accompany anyone who is involved in ASB or disorder.
- Please report any ASB or disorder you are aware of or hear of.
- Dispose of your rubbish appropriately leading up to bonfire weekend and, where possible, please store your bins securely over the Bonfire period.
- Report any large objects that could form part of a bonfire and the Council will request for them to be removed by contacting 01620 827 827 or e-mailing [customerservices@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@eastlothian.gov.uk).
- Please report any unauthorised fireworks sellers to Police Scotland, Trading Standards on 01620 827 827 or Crimestoppers.
- Please report any known unauthorised bonfires or firework displays by calling:
  - East Lothian Council: 01620 827 827 or [customerservices@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@eastlothian.gov.uk)
  - Police Scotland: 101
  - Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Unauthorised bonfires and firework displays have resulted in serious harm and injury in the past.

Policing of Bonfire night will be robust and we will take immediate action where individuals attempt to prevent or disrupt the work of the emergency services. Those who choose to get involved in antisocial behaviour or disorder on or around the 5th November may also be subject to prosecution.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and assistance.

Kind regards,

**Police Scotland, East Lothian Council & Scottish Fire & Rescue Service**

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