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Dear Parent or Carer,

Today, your child took part in a fire safety session with Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. We all want to keep our children safe from fire, so please take a few minutes this evening to talk to your child about what they have learned. The session included:

- The role and responsibilities of Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service
- The dangers of matches and lighters
- Main causes of fire in the home
- The importance of having working Smoke Alarms
- Making an Escape Plan at home
- Stop, Drop and Roll

Why are smoke alarms so important?

Because they can detect fires in the early stages and sound a loud warning alarm. This alarm can give you those precious extra minutes so that everyone can get out safely. Buying and fitting smoke alarms could help save your home and the lives of your family. You should test your smoke alarms weekly and replace the battery every year.

Why do we need an escape plan?

It is very important to plan and practice your fire escape plan. If an emergency occurred, you need to know exactly what to do in order to escape safely. Please help your child to complete their fire escape plan work sheet (printed overleaf) and discuss as a family how you would escape if a fire occurred in your home.

Please visit our website for further information and advice about fire safety in the home, where you can download our Fire Safety Checklist and Advice booklet. This will also give you information about planning your escape.

For further advice please contact us on:

Telephone: 01773 305305

E-mail: reception@derbys-fire.gov.uk

Website: www.derbys-fire.gov.uk





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Home Fire Safety Survey

How safe is your home?

Work with the adults who care for you to fill in your checklist:



YES
We're Fire Safe



NO
Needs Action

Smoke Alarms

- » There is at least one smoke alarm on every floor.
- » We will change the battery every year.
- » If the alarm starts to bleep, we will change the battery straight away.
- » We will test each alarm every week by pressing the test button.
- » We must never remove batteries from the smoke alarm.

My Family's Escape Plan

- » My family have an escape plan which we have all practised.
- » We all know where the keys for windows and doors are kept.

We know the following:

- » To shout "FIRE! HELP" when we hear the smoke alarm.
- » To avoid smoke, keep low under the smoke.
- » That once we are out, WE STAY OUT!
- » If we are trapped, we know to go into a room with a phone if possible, call the Fire and Rescue Service, put a blanket at the bottom of the door, open a window and shout "HELP!"

When Reporting a Fire

- » We know that we must not call from the house unless we are trapped.
- » When we have escaped, we should use the nearest pay phone, mobile phone or phone from a neighbour's house.
- » We know the emergency phone number is 999.
- » We know that we must stay calm, speak slowly and give our address and postcode.

Bedtime Routine

- » We know to switch off and unplug all electrical equipment not designed to be left on.
- » We know to put out all candles and any smoking materials.
- » We know that closing doors will slow the spread to fire and smoke.

So, does your family need further action?

If you have ticked 3 or more boxes please visit our website for more information about how to keep your home safe from fire: www.derbys-fire.gov.uk