



# CJA Safeguarding Newsletter

## Safety on Halloween and Bonfire Night

Halloween and Bonfire Night can be exciting times of the year but for a lot of people, this can also be quite distressing. Elderly people in particular can find this time of year very unsettling and their wellbeing can be affected. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the things to think about when it comes to Halloween and Bonfire Night:

- Children should go out trick or treating supervised by an adult
- Children should only knock on doors of people they know
- Playing pranks or tricks on neighbours or people who are not taking part in trick or treat, is not acceptable. In many cases, this might actually be criminal in nature
- It is an offence for anyone under the age of 18 to possess adult fireworks (outside of category 1 - sparklers, party poppers, throwdowns etc.).
- Under 18 year olds are not allowed to possess adult fireworks or be supplied with fireworks
- Children should be supervised by an adult when around bonfires, fireworks or when using sparklers
- Children should wear gloves when using sparklers and hold them at arms length

### Prince Charming

On 5th November, we have a theatre company coming into the Academy to perform a play based on abusive relationships. This play is an intervention for our young people to help them understand what a healthy relationship is and how to spot the signs of an abusive, demoralizing or violent relationship. This will be delivered to year 8 students and will last an hour long. Parents should allow their child to come to the Academy as normal and we will do the rest!

### YPDAT

On 14th November, there will be workshops delivered to a selection of year 9, year 10, and year 11 students, by an organisation called the Young Persons Drug and Alcohol Team. These workshops will cover the dangers around drug and alcohol use and provide the students with the information they need to try and prevent them from becoming involved with these substances.

## Gangs

If your child is involved with gangs, they may be at risk of violence, harm or be pressured into doing things that they may not ordinarily do. As parents, we need to be mindful of who our children are socializing with and always try to have open conversations with them about the way they are feeling or what they are getting up to when they are out with 'friends'.

There is a risk that children may be exploited or taken advantage of by other young people or by adults. The way they do this is by gaining the child's trust through protection, money, gifts, food etc. and they then expect something in return or say that the child is 'in debt' to them. Once the child gets to this point, they may not be able to walk away due to being threatened by the gang members, who say that the child will be hurt or their families or friends will be hurt if they do not follow through with their requests.

If you are concerned that your child may be involved in gangs or are being exploited, please contact the police on 101 where you will be able to speak to a specialized team.

**If you would like to contact outside agencies for advice, help or guidance, please contact one of the numbers below.**

Contact	Times Available	Telephone Number
First Contact Team (Social Care)	Mon-Thurs: 9am-5.30pm Friday: 9am – 4.30pm	01702 215007
Emergency Duty Team (Social Care)	Out of hours, 365 days a year	08456061212
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline		0808 800 5000
Police		999 Emergency and 101 to report an incident
ChildLine		0800 1111 (Free)

**If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, or if you would like to speak to someone in regards to safeguarding at Cecil Jones Academy, please contact one of the staff members shown below who are all part of the Safeguarding Team**



Miss J Hughes



Mr G Rodulfo



Miss K Sear