KING JAMES'S SCHOOL
KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Safety Message - Bonfire Night

We have been informed by North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service that a modified firework was found at the castle grounds.

The device poses an extreme danger if it is picked up, handled or set off. With Bonfire Night approaching, it is vital we encourage everyone to enjoy the celebrations safely and remind young people that fireworks can cause serious life changing injuries, particularly if they have been modified or tampered with.

We would be grateful if you can reinforce the following safety advice with your child:

- Never touch, pick up or approach unfamiliar fireworks or suspicious objects.
- Always keep a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires.
- Never attempt to light or re-light a firework, even if it appears damaged or unused.
- If they see anything suspicious, move away immediately and inform a trusted adult or the police as soon as possible. In an emergency, call 999. Do not return to the area.
- Organised displays are a great way to enjoy Bonfire Night, with safety measures in place for everyone to enjoy the occasion.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these important safety messages and helping to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely



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