



Dear Parent or Carer



This week your child took part in a fire safety session led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service. As part of our prevention work, we visit schools to teach children and young people key fire safety skills. We want all families to be safe from fire, so please take a few minutes to talk to them about what they learnt today.

**In the session, we covered:**

- Re-cap calling 999
- The Fiery 5 – common fire hazards
- The importance of working smoke alarms
- Fire Escape Plans – how to prepare to escape a fire
- Stop, Drop and Roll for clothing fires

**How you can keep your family safe from fire:**

In addition to discussing today's session with your child, there are steps that you can take to ensure your family is safe from fire and prepared in case of an emergency.

**Common fire hazards at home** include

- cookers / ovens
- candles and fireplaces
- matches and lighters
- electrical items
- barbecues / bonfires

We have taught your child to **stay away** from these items.

**Always supervise** your child when using cookers, and never leave lit candles, fireplaces, barbecues, or bonfires unattended.

**Matches and lighters** should always be kept out of the reach of children.

**Electrical fires** are increasingly common: replace damaged cables, allow hot electrical items sufficient time to cool in a safe place, and avoid overloading plug sockets with too many devices.

**Smoke alarms save lives.** It is essential to have working smoke alarms in the home. We recommend having at least one per floor of the home, attached to the ceiling near the main exit routes, e.g. in the hallway. It is best to test your smoke alarm batteries weekly, and we have suggested your child schedules a time for this.

Making a **Fire Escape Plan** and practising it with your family means that everyone will be prepared in case of an emergency. Please help your child complete their fire escape plan worksheet and discuss how you would exit safely from each part of the house in case of a fire. Assign a designated safe meeting place outside of the home and encourage your child to learn their address in case they need to call 999.

**Stop, Drop and Roll** is the most effective way to put out a clothing fire. Stop moving, get to the floor and roll to smother the flames until they are out. Your child could demonstrate the manoeuvre to you.

**Further information:**

Following our session today, your child may ask questions that you cannot answer. If you would like further information about what we covered today and how to keep your family fire safe at home, please visit

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/fire-safety-education)

**Why not have a go at our family fire safety checklist on the other side of this page to see how safe you and your family are at home?**

For more information visit  
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**YES**  
We're  
fire safe

**NOT YET**  
We'll work  
on it

### Smoke Alarms

We have at least one smoke alarm fitted on each floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We check the battery regularly, weekly is best!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the smoke alarm starts to beep/chirp, we replace it immediately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All members of my family know never to remove the batteries from the alarm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Fire Hazards at home

My family knows to be careful with the cooker / oven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We do not overload plug sockets and we replace faulty / damaged wires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We use bonfires and BBQs carefully and only with adult supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Fire Escape Plan

Our family has an escape plan and we have all practised it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If we detect a fire, we will shout 'Fire, fire!' to alert others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have a designated safe meeting space outside the home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there is smoke, we know to get low and go, go, go!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We know to get out, stay out and call the fire service out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how to help anyone in my home who would struggle to escape in case of a fire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Bedtime Routines

We make sure all cigarettes, candles and fires are fully extinguished before we go to bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We turn off and/or unplug electrical items that are not designed to be left on	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We clear exit routes so that we have a clear escape path if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We close internal doors to protect ourselves and slow a fire's progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Calling 999

My family knows to call 999 only if there is an emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family knows to get out before calling 999	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My children know to tell the operator the home address and post code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have ticked any of the **red boxes** or more than 10 boxes in the 'Not yet' column, we would like to visit your home to conduct a Safe and Well Visit during which we provide tailored fire safety advice and install **free** smoke alarms if required. To request your Safe and Well Visit, please go to [www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/fire-and-rescue/home-safety](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/fire-and-rescue/home-safety).

