

WELCOME!
Spring 2022

**Hertfordshire Fire
& Rescue**

**To our first edition of
the Schools Stay Safe
Newsletter.**

**We have selected
some helpful safety
messages to help to
keep you and your
family safe this
Spring!**

Did you know?

what3words is an easy way to identify precise locations. Every 3m square in the World has been given a unique combination of three words: a what3words address. Now you can find, share and navigate to precise locations using three simple words.

The emergency services can use what3words to locate you if you are in trouble, but they can only do this if you have the app



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Have you got working Smoke Detectors?

Please check you have working smoke detectors at home. You should have a smoke detector on every floor in your home, preferably in the hallways and close to bedrooms where possible. Check your detectors work once a week by pushing the button in the middle. Don't forget to change the battery once a year – pick a date that is memorable such as your birthday or Christmas so that you remember!

If you do not have smoke detectors at home, Herts Fire and Rescue will carry out a safe and well check for you. They will fit smoke detectors for you for free.

*Please ring: **0300 123 4046** to book today!*

- *It won't cost you a penny and it could save your life.*
- *All visits are agreed by appointment only at a time to suit you.*
- *Only uniformed staff will visit and will always carry an ID card.*



CO/Gas Safe

- Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless flammable gas that is slightly less dense than air.

- Unsafe gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Ensure you know where to turn your gas off at the mains. It is usually situated close to your gas meter.

Ensure there is adequate ventilation in any rooms where gas appliances are situated.

Arrange for a Gas Safe registered engineer to check it over annually and repair/replace if necessary.

Contact a Qualified Gas Safe Engineer if you notice any of the following signs around your boiler:

Increased condensation

Floppy yellow flame

Sooty stain in or around your appliance

Consider fitting a Co2 detector in your home. It should be placed by the main source of Carbon Monoxide in your property such as next to the open fireplace or heating system (combi boiler).



BE SCHOOL SAFE!

The Governing body and the head teacher are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school and the management of all the systems, including fire safety.

FIRE SAFETY ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS

1. *The estimated cost of a school fire in the UK is £2.8 million*
2. *75% of school fires are the result of arson.*
3. *Children in the age group 10-16 are responsible for 50% of all deliberately set school fires.*
4. *Pupils and ex pupils are generally responsible for deliberately set school fires*
5. *Each year HFRS attends around 180 calls to fires in or around school premises.*

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THE RISK

Good housekeeping is the key to reducing the risk of arson at your school. HFRS can work with you to assess the risk, where necessary, and can recommend actions you can take to reduce it. Things to look out for include

1. *Litter*
2. *Graffiti*
3. *Minor and major break-ins*
4. *Minor arson incidents*

The schools arson audit covers the following areas:

- *Entry onto premises*
- *Entry into buildings*
- *Opportunity to start a fire*
- *Scope to start a fire*

WORKING TO PROTECT. ACTING TO SAVE.