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Dear Parents/Carers

We have regrettably taken the decision to cancel the firework display at school.

The school used to have a separate firework committee that was financially supported by the Friends group. Recently we have been unable to recruit volunteers willing to undertake a leadership role of the event and neither the school staff nor The Friends have the capacity to run an additional committee. Over the past few years we have also struggled to find the large number of volunteers required to run the event safely and this has led to the school, on several occasions, being on the brink of having to cancel the event.

In recent years we have also suffered with people trying to break through our perimeter to gain free access to the event. This has caused damage to the hedging around the school, has increased numbers on site and has placed us in the position that we may have too many people on our site breaching our health and safety numbers.

Over the years, as well as being a great community event, the firework display had also raised large amounts for the school. However, over recent years the costs of insurance, fencing around the site, fireworks etc have increased dramatically and the amount that the school has raised from the event has dwindled.

I know many of you will be disappointed with the news but with issues around safety, linked to diminishing volunteer support, coupled with the reduced profit from the event we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the event.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Andrey Cowan
Executive Headteacher

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