



**East Sussex**  
Fire & Rescue Service

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**In the case of emergency please dial 999**

### **An update from the ESFRS Education Team - July 2020**

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we have been unable to engage with children and young people in the community in the same way as before. Our regular visits to schools have not been possible and we are conscious that some children will not have learnt our important safety messages this year.

We know that this has been a difficult time for everyone, especially children and young people who are, now that lockdown is easing, starting to go out and meet with their friends. We are aware that with some facilities still closed and young people becoming bored, they are more likely to turn to firesetting behaviour.

**If you have any concerns about a child or young person and their behaviour with fire, we are continuing to run our Firewise scheme – our one to one intervention service.**

**We accept Firewise referrals from anyone, be it a parent/guardian, teacher, youth worker, family keyworker or any concerned adult. To make a referral or to find out more, e-mail [firewise@esfrs.org](mailto:firewise@esfrs.org), telephone 0303 999 1009 or visit [www.esfrs.org/firewise](http://www.esfrs.org/firewise).**

For primary aged children, we have also produced age-appropriate activity booklets for key stages 1 and 2 that cover the key messages that we would normally teach in our lessons with children in years 2 and 5. These booklets are available online at [www.esfrs.org/mysafetybook](http://www.esfrs.org/mysafetybook) or you can e-mail [education@esfrs.org](mailto:education@esfrs.org) if you would like us to send you a printed copy.

There is also a range of other resources and activities for children and young people of all ages available online at [www.esfrs.org/frankysays](http://www.esfrs.org/frankysays)

Do you have working smoke alarms at home? If not, or you would like one of our advisors to give you the latest fire safety advice, please telephone 0800 177 7069.

If you have any concerns or questions, please e-mail [education@esfrs.org](mailto:education@esfrs.org) or phone one of the Education Officers as listed below.

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