

DB/SJS

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am very sad to say, especially in view of the recent loss of life in the tower block fire in London, that DFRMO had to attend a fire in Episkopi Station that they have reason to believe was started by children. I have included a section from the Fire Manager's report below:

Following a fire call that DFRMO Episkopi attended yesterday afternoon. The fire call came from an occupant on 16:29hrs and involved a small fire approximately 3 x 3 m of open area – bondu. Following the extinguishing of the fire and a fire investigation that was followed, evidence were identified that the area is possibly used by children with the fire suspected to commence from a metal bucket with paper.

Following the above. I would kindly request you to pass a message to the community emphasising the importance of children playing with fire in the bondu. That creates a great risk to the estate and the community should be extra vigilant ensuring the children are under observation at all times. In addition to that I would also suggest for the estate to be policed with additional if possible patrols.

Can I please request that you have a conversation with your children about the dangers of starting fire, especially in the hot, dry environment in which we all live.

The following website is useful to support your discussions with your child/ren:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-for-parents-and-child-carers>

Yours sincerely



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