



3 October 2024

Dear Families

We are delighted to announce Sackville have been invited to take part in the procession this year for the East Grinstead Community Bonfire, taking place on **Saturday 19 October 2024, and** the timings for the event are advised as **6.40pm - 8.45pm.**

We are inviting all year 7s to take part in a Samba band to walk the processions with other local groups and youth groups. With very limited time to prepare for such a huge event, we are asking all year 7 students who are seriously interested, to be able to commit to the rehearsal times (as below) to please sign up by completing the google form [HERE](#).

- Thursday 10 October 2024 - 3.00pm-3.45pm
- Friday 11 October 2024 - 8.15am-8.50am
- *(please can students come to music block as they arrive at school and we will register them)*
- Thursday 17 October 2024 - 3.00pm-3.45pm
- Friday 18 October 2024 - 8.15am-8.50am *(as above)*

Mr Webb, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Brown will be waiting to sign all students in at 6.40pm prompt at the Vicarage Car Park RH19 3AB. This is the large car park to the right as you are standing with your back to Chequer Mead. As you enter the car park entrance, our exact position will be to your left, next to the fence at the back of the car park.

The procession group order will be posted at several points in the car park and this will show our position in the parade each group should take within the car park. All groups need to be lined up so the whole procession can set off at 7.00pm and will process through the town down to Railway Approach (Outside the Railway Pub).

There will then be a 20 minute break until the procession will reform at approx. 7.45pm. From here the procession will head back up 'London Road', through the length of the 'High Street' to outside 'Sackville College'. They will then turn down 'College Lane' through to the entrance of 'Estcots Drive' where the procession will enter 'East Court' and will head through the estate down towards the road fork outside the play park. We would then be directed to follow the road round to the front of the 'East Court Mansion'.

For collection please can all parents meet us at the main entrance to the East Court mansion in the big area off the road outside the main doors. We can't give an exact time to collect the children at East Court as the procession times have to be fluid, however we recommend collection outside the front concourse doors of **East Court Mansion at approximately 8.45pm.** Waiting parents will be able to hear the procession arriving as we have a band at the front.

The lighting of the bonfire and fireworks will happen approximately 15/20 minutes after this, so you will have time to collect your children and find a suitable place to watch the rest of the proceedings. We suggest that if parents are willing that they accompany their children from 7.45pm and possibly walk alongside or nearby. We will be very clear within the procession with our bright red t-shirts on.

This event will go ahead regardless of the weather so please could you ensure that for the performance your child has the following equipment which would obviously be dependent upon the weather:

All performers need to be dressed in:

- Sackville will provide a red t-shirt
- Long sleeve t-shirt / thermal top
- Warm trousers
- Sensible shoes

I hope you agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to perform at an amazing event, and we look forward to a lot of hard work to make this the best Samba Band yet.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Webb  
**Leader of Music**