# **Keep it Carnival - have fun and celebrate, enjoy the day!**

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| Be prepared! |
|[ ]  **Check the weather and ensure that you dress your children appropriately. Wear sensible footwear.** It’s likely to be hot - bring sun lotion, sunglasses, and a hat! If you have a hand fan – you want to bring that too! |
|[ ]  **Everyone eats breakfast -** Bring snacks with you too. You don’t know how long it would be to queue for food and drink.  |
|[ ]  **Stay hydrated - Bring bottles of water.** There will be water towers available to refill |
|[ ]  **Plan your journeys.** Local roads are likely to be busy and or closed. Carnival ends at 10pm – but you may need to think about how long you’ll wait for public transport. |
| Just in case…. Do some safety planning |
|[ ]  **Write your mobile number on a bit of paper/key ring and put it in your child’s pocket.** If your child has a phone, make sure its fully charged and bring a backup charger |
|[ ]  **Agree meet up points if you get separated -** Use the [Carnival Map — St Pauls Carnival](https://www.stpaulscarnival.net/carnival-map). Mandela’s Hideout (St Agnes) is aimed at children and families and St Pauls Park is aimed at young people. |
|[ ]  **Take a photo of your child in the morning!** Create a lovely memory but also this will help if your child gets lost you can show carnival staff who to look out for. |
|[ ]  **Identify staff or areas where your child where they can help** hopefully you wont need this, but just in case – look for the lost/found tents and know how to get there.  |
|[ ]  **Bring photographic identification -** if your child has been lost and found, event staff will want to verify who you are.  |
| If you are not attending with your child…some extra considerations |
|[ ]  **Know who your child is with -** If your child is going off with friends– make sure you have their friend’s parent/carer’s contacts. |
|[ ]  **Set rules and expectations.** Check in with your children before they leave home. Talk about worries and how you can reassure yourselves.You can use the corresponding Young Persons Check list to support this conversation.  |
|[ ]  **Plan getting home -** make sure you consider getting home safe.It will be a busy day and you may not be able to pick them in the local area due to road closures. |
|[ ]  **Communicate throughout the day -** Get them to send you selfies and regularly message – if they need help know how you can get support.  |
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