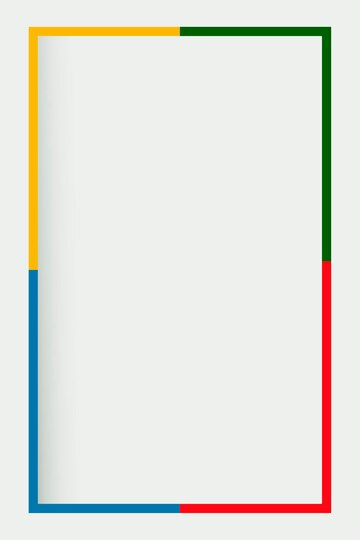
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| **Community Events – Parent/Carer checklist** Be prepared! | |
|  | **Check the weather and ensure that you dress your children appropriately. Wear sensible footwear.** If it’s going to be hot - bring sun lotion, sunglasses, and a hat! |
|  | **Everyone eats breakfast -** Bring snacks with you too. You don’t know how long it would be to queue for food and drink. |
|  | **Stay hydrated -** Ensure you have bottles you can refill. |
|  | **Plan your journeys.** Make sure you are aware of the geographical area of the event and how to get there safely. |
| Just in case…. safety plan | |
|  | **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 -** look for landmarks like churches, community centres or shops that are close by. |
|  | **Take a photo of your child in the morning!** Create a memory but this will help if your child gets lost for you to show staff who to look out for. |
|  | **Identify staff or areas where your child can get help** hopefully you wont need this, but just in case – look for the places of safety and how to get there. |
|  | **Bring photographic identification -** if your child has been lost and found, you may need 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 attending an event 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.Events can be busy - be aware pressures on public transport and or 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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**Stay safe!**

**If you notice something unsafe at the event – please liaise with the event organisers.**

* **If you think you worried about a child and you know their identity you can contact Frist Response - 0117 903 6444.**
* **If you or someone else is at immediate risk, contact 999.**