

## Youngsters star in safety video



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Safety-conscious schoolchildren were given festive gifts for helping to spread the word about emergency action.

St Francis CE Primary School Year 6 pupils Charlotte and Leo took part in the first “School’s Community Resilience Project”, which teaches young children about what to do in the case of an emergency, such as flooding, a house fire or a power cut.

A video featuring the pupils and their teacher Simon Wootton has been created in support of the project, highlighting the benefits of participating in the project, which includes encouraging the children to make up emergency ‘grab bags’ with important things you may need during an emergency.

Charlotte and Leo spoke in the video about what they had learned, how they encouraged family members to think about being prepared and how useful they found the project. They were presented with chocolates by Chief Executive Harry Catherall to say thank you, along with Simon and Civil Contingencies Officer Sarah Riley, who oversees the programme.

This project, which is aimed at Year 5 students, has now been promoted to all Primary Schools across the Borough, some of which are starting the project this year.

For more information on the School’s Community Resilience Project, contact Sarah Riley on (01254) 585715 or email [civil.contingencies@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:civil.contingencies@blackburn.gov.uk) or Andy Lavin on (01254) 666522 or email [andy.lavin@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:andy.lavin@blackburn.gov.uk).