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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

With the current temperatures we are experiencing, I would like to take a moment to share an important reminder about keeping children safe around water.

Warmer weather often leads to more time spent outdoors, near water, or participating in water-related activities. Sadly, this can increase the risk of accidents. We are therefore asking all families to help reinforce vital water safety messages at home.

Children and young people can be particularly vulnerable around water, whether at the beach, rivers, lakes, canals, paddling pools or even garden ponds.

The Royal Life Saving Society has some really useful advice and guidance which can be found on their website: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/>

Simple precautions can make a significant difference:

- Always supervise children closely when they are around water.
- Ensure children understand not to enter water unless it is safe and supervised.
- Remind them that open water can be much colder and more dangerous than it appears.
- Encourage them to follow the **Water Safety Code**:
  - **Stop and think** – look for dangers
  - **Stay together** – never go near water alone
  - **Call 999** in an emergency
  - **Float to live** if they fall in

At school, we will continue to remind children about staying safe during hot weather and around water, but your support in reinforcing these messages will be invaluable.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all our children safe.

Kindest regards,

Miss Johnson  
Principal