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## **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As the weather improves, many children and young people spend more time near rivers, lakes and other open water. These places can look inviting, but they often carry hidden dangers such as cold-water shock, strong currents and sudden changes in depth.

We're sharing this water-safety leaflet to help you talk with your child or young person about staying safe. It includes simple guidance on recognising risks, making safe choices and what to do in an emergency.

Please take a few minutes to read through it together. A short conversation at home can make a real difference and help prevent accidents.

As we approach the summer holidays, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue would be grateful if you could share the attached covering letter and water safety leaflet with parents and carers.

During the warmer months, more children and young people spend time outdoors and around open water such as rivers, lakes, reservoirs, quarries, ponds, and the coastline. Sadly, every year there are incidents where individuals get into difficulty in and around water. By sharing important water safety messages before the school holidays begin, we hope to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about staying safe.

The attached information provides practical advice on water safety, recognising potential dangers, and what to do in an emergency. Increasing awareness of these simple safety messages can play an important role in preventing avoidable incidents and keeping our communities safe throughout the summer.

We would be grateful if you could circulate the attached documents through your usual communication channels, such as email, newsletters, parent apps, or social media. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote these important safety messages. Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

Further information is available via the following websites:

[Home | StayWise - Saving Lives Through Education](#)

[Respect The Water](#)

[Float To Live – What To Do If You Fall In Water](#)

Thank you for helping us keep children and young people safe.

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