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Dear Families

## Water Safety during Hot Weather Warning

With hot weather warnings in place, West Sussex County Council have requested that schools remind parents and carers about the importance of water safety, particularly as children, young people and families may be seeking ways to cool down in the heat.

As part of Drowning Prevention Week last week, we wanted to share the [following article](#).

The Sussex Resilience Forum has also asked us to share the following guidance with families, as it contains particularly important safety advice to share with parents and carers:

- In an emergency at the coast, call 999 and ask for the [Coastguard](#). If you are deaf or have a speech impairment, send an emergency SMS
- [Know the risks](#) at the coast and how to stay safe with advice from [ROSPA](#) and [West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service](#)
- Entering cold rivers, lakes and sea water to escape extreme heat can pose serious health risks - [find out more about cold water shock](#)
- Keep your family safe at home, beaches, rivers, and pools with [Royal Life Saving Society](#) resources for parents
- Check the [weather, sea conditions and tide times](#) before you travel
- Do not enter the water if you've consumed alcohol or drugs, as they increase the risk of accidents, including drowning: [About Do Not Drink and Drown](#)

We hope all our students and families stay safe and comfortable during this week.

Yours sincerely

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