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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE - PARENT SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER:
A Parental Information Guide on Safeguarding in the Holidays**

Welcome to the final parent safeguarding newsletter for this academic year. This edition focuses on safeguarding our children during the holiday period.

Throughout the year, all students have received educational inputs around keeping themselves safe during school holidays; online safety, water safety, safety whilst out in the community and self-care (awareness around wellbeing and mental health), and recent assemblies and Hot Topic sessions have also recapped these subject matters too.

Please take the time to read the 'Parental Information Guide on 'Safeguarding in The Holidays' in the link below.

Holiday Hacks:

Stay safe and have fun – why is safeguarding so important in the holidays?

Safeguarding specifics – what risks can arise when the children aren't at school?

Recognising issues – what behaviours and signs can the holiday help you to spot and what can you do about it?

Resources and Signposts – where to look for help, advice and guidance.

<https://www.servicesforeducation.co.uk/the-safest-start/parents-safeguarding-page-safeguarding-in-the-holidays/>

Additionally, in light of the recent tragic incidents involving open water, we would like to take this opportunity to and share some important water safety advice for parents and carers. Please discuss these important safety messages with your child.

- Never to enter open water without appropriate supervision.
- To avoid swimming in rivers, canals, reservoirs or lakes, even if the water appears calm.
- To be aware that cold water shock can affect even strong swimmers.
- Not to jump or dive into unknown water.
- To stay with friends and look out for one another.
- To call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if someone is in trouble at the coast or ask for Fire and Rescue where appropriate inland.

Useful Resources for Parents and Carers

Water Safety

* National Water Safety Forum – Respect the Water:

<https://www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk/campaigns>

* Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI): <https://rnli.org>

Holiday Safeguarding Notice:

The holiday period allows families and students a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with friends and loved ones, but sometimes families and individuals may require some additional support. If you or someone you know requires additional support, please seek guidance from one of the suggested specialist teams listed on the poster. Please note that school will not be open to pick up any concerns during the holiday period.

Childline – 0800 1111

Birmingham Children's Trust – 0121 303 1888

Police – 111 or 999

We truly hope that you and your loved ones have a wonderful summer period. We look forward to seeing you return in September ready for another exciting year.

Yours sincerely

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