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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Important Water Safety Information for Parents and Carers

Following the recent Spring Bank Holiday weekend, there have sadly been several serious incidents involving open water across the country. Tragically, a serious incident over the weekend in Doncaster has led to the tragic death of a young person. Understandably, events like this can cause concern within our community, and we want to ensure that our students are equipped with the knowledge they need to stay safe.

With warmer weather approaching, it is especially important that young people understand the dangers associated with swimming or playing in open water. Although the edges of rivers, lakes, and reservoirs may feel warm, temperatures can drop sharply in deeper areas, creating extremely hazardous conditions. Hidden currents, sudden changes in depth, and underwater debris can all pose significant risks, even to confident swimmers.

Cold water shock is a particular danger and can incapacitate even strong swimmers within seconds. Open water environments are unpredictable, and we ask for your support in reinforcing these messages at home.

Please speak with your child about the following key safety points:

- Water may feel warm at the edges but can become dangerously cold at depth.
- Jumping into open water to cool down can be extremely hazardous.
- Hidden currents, sudden drops, and unseen objects can cause serious harm.
- Even strong swimmers can quickly get into difficulty in open water.
- Lakes, reservoirs, rivers, canals, and coastal areas all carry risks.

If someone unexpectedly enters the water, the recommended advice is:

- Take a moment - do not try to swim immediately.
- Try to relax and float on your back to regain control of your breathing.
- Stay calm.
- Call for help and ask someone to dial 999.

For further guidance, you may find these resources helpful:

- [South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Water Safety](#)
- [Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks](#)
- [Sam's Army's Mission 1 Life - Home](#)



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Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all Hungerhill students safe. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please contact the school using the 'Contact Us' section of the school website.

Yours sincerely



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