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Dear Parent/Guardian

Water safety during the summer holiday

I am sure that you are aware of the tragic loss by drowning of a Salford teenager over the weekend at Salford Quays. Our hearts go out to his family and friends and we have been remembering him in prayer. As a school community we know well the sadness and grief of loss, and I have spoken with his headteacher yesterday, to pass on our condolences.

This distressing incident is a powerful reminder of the dangers of entering water even during warm weather. It is a topic that pupils in all Salford schools are taught about and which is often re-visited at the end of the summer term. I urge you to talk to your child about water safety, whether you are staying at home or going away this summer, so that by raising awareness and encouraging young people to act safely we can reduce the chances of tragedies such as this being repeated.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) have a dedicated page on their website to the issue of cold water shock which can be found here:

[Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)

Also, all form tutors have spoken to pupils about the dangers of swimming in open water and the impact of cold water shock.

When you are out and about around Greater Manchester's waterways you can stay safe by:

- Never jumping into or swimming in open water (including reservoirs, rivers, canals and ponds). Cold Water Shock can kill in 60 seconds, you never know what is lurking beneath the surface, and under-water currents can be deadly.
- Letting someone know where you are going and when you are coming back, if possible.
- Taking any warning or safety signs seriously • Looking out for hazards around water and sticking to proper pathways.
- Never entering the water to rescue your dog - who will rescue you?

Please take this issue seriously and speak to your child about the risks and ways to keep safe.

Yours faithfully