



# All Hallows RC High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Water safety during the summer months**

As we approach another spell of warm weather, we felt it would be timely to remind pupils and parents about the dangers of entering water on warm days.

This is a topic that pupils in all Salford schools are taught about. I urge you to talk to your child/ren, in the hope that by raising awareness and encouraging young people to act safely we can reduce the chances of tragedies occurring.

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 will be reminding pupils about the dangers of swimming in open water and the impact of cold water shock.

We encourage children when they are out around Greater Manchester's waterways to stay safe by doing the following:

- 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 their dog - who will rescue them?

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

Yours faithfully

(Senior Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead)