



In 2022 there was a 46% increase in the number of children drowning in the UK compared to the five year average. 63% of the children that have lost their lives to drowning in the past five years were teenagers.

Safeguarding Alerts

Water Safety

As we are approaching the summer holidays, and hopefully some warmer weather there is an increased risk of children drowning.

Each year there is a spike in accidental drownings occurring in June, July and August. In 2022, 46% of the 226 accidental drownings took place within those three summer months.

"We are urging parents to stay vigilant in, on and around water, both at home and when spending time outdoors and to have the water safety conversation with their children. We want to avoid any tragedies and any more families going through the heartache of losing a loved one. With the right education, accidental drownings are avoidable. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer."
Matt Croxall, Charity Director at RLSS UKAs

Before we break up for the summer holiday, form tutors will be showing all our students a video on drowning prevention. Please find below a useful resource for you to use when discussing with your child at home.

www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information

Chroming

Our safeguarding team also wanted to make parents and carers aware of Chroming.

Chroming, also called solvent abuse, is when you get high by breathing in or inhaling a chemical like petrol, glue, paint or solvent. Although people of all ages engage in chroming, it happens most often among young people and teenagers. One reason for this is that many of the chemicals used for chroming can be purchased as over-the-counter household goods.

We have found an excellent article/resource for parents and carers, you will find useful:

www.parents.com/what-is-chroming-7508182?scrlybrkr=42a0ca28



Summer WATER SAFETY

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY
- STAY WITHIN REACH
- ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED

In an emergency... CALL 999

IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

- STOP AND THINK**
Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.
- STAY TOGETHER**
When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

- CALL 999**
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- FLOAT**
Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.