

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Open/Fresh Water Swimming Safety Reminder

Please see below the reminder message from the Local Authority that we have been asked to circulate to all our families:

As warmer weather approaches, more families and children will be drawn to rivers, lakes and other open water—but these environments can be extremely dangerous. Hidden risks such as strong currents, sudden drops, cold water shock and unseen hazards are often not recognised until it is too late. It's vital that we are clear: open water is not a safe place to swim.

Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership does **not** support or encourage open water swimming. Instead, we are committed to raising awareness of the serious risks involved. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing clear safety messages, advice, leaflets and videos to help protect children and families.


We must work together as a city to reinforce this message—ensuring that all children, parents and communities in Coventry understand the dangers and make safer choices.

### Drowning Prevention: Drowning is preventable – nobody should drown

#### Key safety messages

- **Stop and think** before going near water
- **Stay together** – never go alone
- **Float** if you fall in, then call for help
- **Call 999** in an emergency


#### Remember

- Open water is dangerous, even for strong swimmers
  - Children must be **actively supervised at all times**
  - Never enter the water to rescue someone
-  **Reach or throw – don't go**




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 For children

- **Stop, Look, Think!**
- Always stay with friends or a trusted adult
- If you fall in: **float like a starfish and shout for help**

 **Respect the water – stay together, stay safe**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Wheller  
**Principal**