



Friday 30th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staying Safe Over Summer

With Summer fast approaching, we thought it would be useful to share some safety resources developed by our safeguarding partners.

Safe 4 Summer Campaign from GM Fire and Rescue Service

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service are running their annual Safe4Summer campaign with a focus on tackling anti-social behaviour, water safety and deliberate fires. There are many useful resources that can be accessed via their website:

<https://manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/campaigns/safe4summer/>

The Water Safety Code

Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK)

Stop and Think; Stay Together; Call 999; Float. Further resources can be found at this website: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/the-water-safety-code>

Respect The Water

Highlighting the message that if you see someone in trouble in the water, the best way you can help is by staying calm, staying on land, and following the 3- step rescue guide: Call, Tell and Throw.

Call (Fire and Rescue Service if inland);

Tell (the person to float on their back);

Throw (a throwline or something that floats)

<https://respectthewater.com/>

Accident Prevention in the Home

Childhood deaths now and forever have been heavily associated with accidents. Healthy Schools share a range of resources on accident prevention.

Education is the best way to prevent accidents that could be prevented. The National Fostering Group has published a page on their website, aimed at informing adults about some of the top causes of childhood accidents. The information there is an excellent start point. Follow the link below to read more:

https://www.nfa.co.uk/story/story_category/10-common-childhood-accidents-and-how-to-

avoid-them-in-your-home/

Online/Digital Safety

Omegle has been a headache for those concerned with protecting children for a decade and a half. On first glance the site is a simple internet chatroom, reminiscent of platforms from the Internet's early years. It has no registration or account system. Being designed with the originally innocent objective of getting strangers to talk to each other, but this allows under-18s to easily use the platform, without needing parental assistance, money or even an email address. This already creates a dangerous situation to young pupils, but its insistence on users needing a webcam to chat places anyone underage in an extremely vulnerable place.

To find out more about Omegle and the risks it poses, please follow the links below:

Internet Matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Childnet:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>

<https://swgfl.org.uk/.../report-harmful-content-button>

[Introduction to ChatGPT and AI chatbots - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Keeping Busy

Whatever their age, we know that for some children the long summer holidays can be hard for them. Thank you to all those settings that are running a HAF project over the summer so that school continues to be that safe space for our children. You can also share with families activities they can do around Manchester.

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/>

Summer

It's Summer and temperatures are, at least for now, very pleasant as we're getting to the end of the school year. Soon your children will be on their six week holidays and with their new freedom will come new challenges for them. Their idea of fun whilst out of school might not be that of others, it is important that they understand what society expects of them during the long break. Here's a useful link about what is considered anti-social behaviour and its effect on the community: <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/asb/>