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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the message below, extracted from local fire service guidance. As you will no doubt be aware, numerous communities in Britain have been left bereft following water incidences over the half term break where numerous young adults have lost their lives.

Please reinforce with your children how crucial it is that they stay safe when near our canals, rivers and open waterways.

The tragic loss of a teenager at Kingsbury Water Park over the Bank Holiday weekend and several other incidents across the country has highlighted the dangers of open water, especially for young people during periods of hot weather.

In the West Midlands our main sources of water danger are from canals, rivers, lakes and ponds but your children might be visiting the beach over the summer period.

Our website provides useful water safety statistics and resources WMFS - Water Safety.

We also highly recommend the resources provided by the RNLI tailored to different age groups

We want all children and young people to have a fun over the summer period, but rest assured, West Midlands Fire Service will be here in an emergency, should we be called upon.

Kind regards,

Emily Fernandez

Assistant Director of Prevention

We extend our heartfelt thoughts to the communities impacted by these recent, tragic incidences.

Kind regards,

Mrs. C. Ireland

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