

Water safety

With the summer holidays approaching, we would like to share some important safety advice before the end of term.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS), working with partners across Greater Manchester, are encouraging children and young people to stay safe around water, outdoors and in their communities during the school break.



In 2025, 202 people accidentally drowned in the UK, and young people aged 10 to 29 remain a very high-risk group for accidental drowning in the UK. The risk is heightened during periods of very warm weather, when young people may be more likely to go to open water to cool off or socialise with friends.

Recent national and local incidents, including water-related fatalities involving young people, are stark and devastating reminders of how quickly going into open water can become life-threatening and highlight how important it is to reinforce simple, practical safety messages before pupils break up for summer. Schools play a vital role in helping children, young people and families understand these risks and know what to do in an emergency.



To support you at home, GMFRS have brought together the [Safe4Summer website](#) which includes key safety messages and information about local activities taking place during the summer holidays.

GMFRS key water safety messages to share with children:

- Jumping into open water can be fatal. Cold water shock kills and you do not know what is beneath the surface.
- If you encourage your mates to go in the water, it could be the last time you see them.
- Some open water can contain disease which could make you ill.
- If you get into difficulty in the water, [float to live](#).
- Someone in trouble in the water? Remember: phone, float, throw - it could save their life. Phone 999 to get help (ask for fire if inland or coastguard if by the sea). Tell them to stay calm and float on their back. Throw rescue equipment to help them float until the emergency services arrive.
- Don't tamper with life-saving equipment or signage, they are there for everyone's safety.

Nicol Mere WellFest

On Thursday 9th July, we held our Nicol Mere WellFest which was a huge success!

The children experienced a wide range of activities to promote their mental health and wellbeing.

At the end of the school day, we had a festival on the field, and it was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers join us.

Our WellFest was a huge success, and we look forward to celebrating and raising awareness for mental health next academic year!



How can I keep my children safe online during the summer holidays?

Children and young people across the UK are getting ready to have more free time to spend with friends and family as the summer holidays get into full swing.

For many young people, this time will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with school friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and play their favourite games.

1) Sit down together

The summer holidays are a great chance to sit down with your children and find out about the things they like to do online. Together you can visit their favourite sites and join in with their favourite games. This is a great way to stay up to date with their online lives and show them that you're interested in what they are doing.

2) Become an expert

Although it can sometimes feel like young people are the experts when it comes to different apps and games, it's important to remember that as an adult you are the expert in keeping them safe.

To learn more about the apps, games and services children are using, you can spend some time on them, familiarise yourself with their reporting and blocking features and ensure that you have the knowledge to be able to help them if they face a problem over the summer holidays or in the future.

3) Take time to do a privacy check up

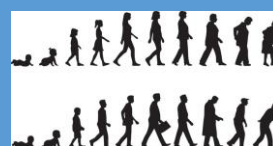
During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and do a privacy check-up.

PSHE

In line with DfE guidance, we will have a new PSHE curriculum beginning in September 2026. By the end of primary school, children will be taught Relationships education and Health and Wellbeing as well as economic and careers education.

We have reviewed our RSE policy, and part of this review is to consult with parents. A Google Form has been sent out to all parents to give you the opportunity to read through and consult this policy and to provide any feedback you may have.

We appreciate your support with this.



SRE

In July, the Year 5 and 6 children took part in lessons and workshops to learn about body changes when we grow.

These lessons are part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education to provide children with the skills and knowledge to support them as they grow and develop.

If you want to find out more about any of the information delivered to the children, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the SLT. This content is also included with the RSE policy as discussed above.