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Dear Parents/Carers

## Water Safety this Summer

We have recently been written to by Gabbi Simmonds, Water Safety Manager for the RNLI in the South East. With the recent wonderful weather that we hope will not be the last we experience this summer, she is asking whether schools can alert parents to the additional safety risk to beachgoers this year as lifeguards cannot be placed on every beach. Her message below links to information which we would encourage you to share with your son/daughter.

### Message from the RNLI

I am writing to you from the RNLI. By means of introduction, I have recently been appointed as Water Safety Education Manager in the South East Region.

This summer, our Lifeguards cannot be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers.

We have already seen the influx of beach goers in the past few weeks after some of the restrictions were lifted and the summer weather arrived. In a normal year the RNLI alongside other water safety partners helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, our local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards do their best to visit as many of the schools, colleges and youth groups in our region as possible. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak we have not been able to engage with school communities as we normally would in the South East.

We are therefore asking you to raise awareness of water safety with your son/daughter by sharing the [RNLI & MCA's Beach Safety Campaign](#) information with them.

I thank you in advance for any support you can give in spreading the water safety message with us.

**Gabbi Simmonds | RNLI Water Safety Education Manager | South East**

W: [rnli.org/youth-education](http://rnli.org/youth-education)



Kind Regards

The School Office