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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding around the changes with the weather alerts this week and to staff and students for the enormous team effort to keep everyone as cool as possible. It has been a challenging week for all and we appreciate the excellent team spirit of the Waseley community coming together to ensure we are all safe.

We would like to reinforce the importance of water safety in these conditions.

There is an increased likelihood of children and young people seeking to cool off in rivers, lakes, quarries and other open water locations. The dangers include:

- Risk of drowning increases by 70% when temperatures exceed 30°C.
- Open water can be deceptively dangerous, even for confident swimmers.
- Cold water shock can affect anyone, regardless of age or swimming ability.
- Hidden currents, sudden drops, submerged objects and poor water quality can present serious risks.
- Inflatables should never be relied upon in open water and can quickly drift into dangerous situations.

Please reinforce the message to your young people to **"Be A Mate"** and speak up when friends are considering risky behaviour around water.



If someone's in trouble:

Phone. Float. Throw.

Call 999, tell them to float, throw something that floats like a football to help - don't jump in.

Kind regards,

Mr T Preston
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