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Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the summer season, we want to remind everyone about the importance of water safety, especially when it comes to swimming and using inflatables in open water. There are several open water environments in the local area, including Stowe Pool and the lakes in Sutton Park as well as the local canals, that present significant risks that are not always immediately apparent.

We kindly ask you to talk to your children about the dangers of open water and the importance of following safety rules. Unlike controlled environments such as swimming pools, open water can have unpredictable currents, varying depths, and hidden obstacles. These factors can quickly lead to dangerous situations, especially for children and inexperienced swimmers. Encourage your children to always swim in designated areas with lifeguards present. Remind them that inflatables like rafts, tubes, and floats are not designed to be used as life-saving devices. They can easily be carried away by currents or deflated unexpectedly, putting users at serious risk of drowning.

By following these guidelines, we can help ensure a fun and safe summer for everyone. We will be reiterating these messages at school on the run up to the summer holiday.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter.

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