

Water Safety Education Notice – Summer 2025

Calling all teachers, parents & guardians – Please help keep your communities safe this summer!

This message is delivered to you by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) who also works with a number of partner organisations to educate the public about water safety.

Due to rising temperatures, we would like to remind you of key water safety advice ahead of the summer.

Everyone enjoys spending time at the coast and other open water environments, but these can all be very unpredictable.

As temperatures rise, so do the numbers of water related incidents.

To stay safe, the RNLI is urging the public to:

- Choose a lifeguarded beach where possible and swim between the red and yellow flags, this is the safest place to swim.
- If you get into trouble in the water, Float to Live.
- If you see someone in trouble at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard, if you are inland ask for the fire service.
- Check RNLI water safety advice here https://rnli.org/safety
- Please talk to your young people about these important safety tips to help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer.

You can find your local lifeguarded beach here:

https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeguarded-beaches





Free Water Safety Activities

To help you, we've created some impactful <u>workshops and videos</u> that you can use for free, in whichever way best suits your lesson or session plan.

You'll find materials suitable for age ranges: 3–7, 7–11, 11–14 and 14–18 which are curriculum linked, covering everything from rip currents and cold-water shock, to rescue scenarios and decision-making videos.

Or maybe you need some inspiration for an assembly or debate? Click on the video below for our float to live advice or download from a range of <u>posters and activities</u> for engaging ways to teach young people how to keep safe, in, on, and around the water.



FLOAT TO LIVE

Do you have somewhere you can share the FLOAT message, please see our digital toolkit: Float to Live Toolkit: resources for download

World Drowning Prevention Day - 25th July Find Your Float Campaign

On **25th July**, **World Drowning Prevention Day** raises awareness about how to stay safe in water by finding your float.

We encourage families to explore this campaign with their children, helping them to understand and practise floating techniques in safe places such as swimming pools.

You can find more information about water safety and the Find Your Float campaign on the **Respect The Water** website: www.respectthewater.com