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Safeguarding Newsletter

Summer Half-Term Two 2025-26



The final half-term of the year has been as packed as ever with lots of educational safeguarding opportunities for the children. All year groups have had assemblies on healthy relationships, abandoned buildings, water safety and sexual harassment.

This newsletter contains information about support services over the summer holidays, including cost of living support and the Holidays and Food (HAF) programme, which is now open for bookings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for all of your support this year, and we wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Kind regards,
Ms Jones and the Keep Kids Safe team.

Key Numbers

01925 443322 (Option one, followed by option one) Warrington Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) For urgent safeguarding concerns about a child	01925 444400 Out of Office Emergency Duty Team For urgent safeguarding concerns about a child outside of office hours	0808 800 5000 NSPCC For adults who are worried about a child
0800 1111	111	999
Childline	Police Non-Emergency	Emergency Services
For children who are worried about their own safety or need some advice	For reporting any crimes or concerns	For anyone in immediate danger (including if you are worried about the immediate risk to a child)



Food Bank

We have a number of food parcels available for families to collect if required. If you would like to arrange a collection, please contact Ms McKittrick by emailing smckittrick@padgateacademy.co.uk.

Further information about cost of living support, including external food banks can be found here:

<https://livingwellwarrington.org/cost-of-living-and-housing>

Uniform Donations

If your child has grown out of any uniform and you can spare it, we will gratefully accept any donations. This may be especially relevant to parents whose child has just left year 11 and the uniform is no longer required. If you do have any spare uniform to donate, please drop it off in reception for the attention of Ms McKittrick. We sincerely thank you for your support with this.



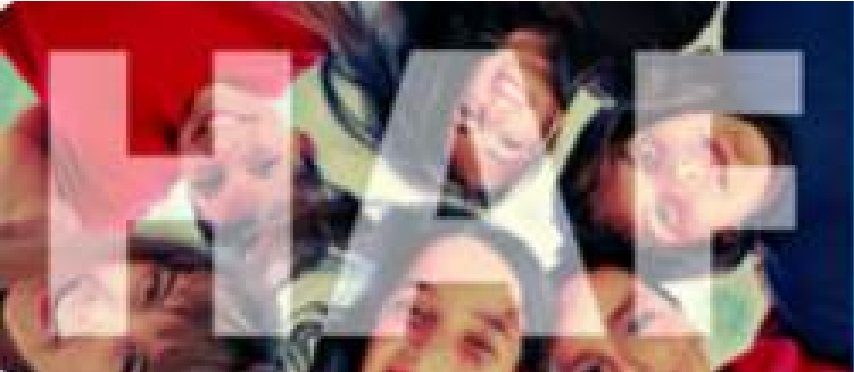
Holiday and Food Programme (HAF)

Bookings for the HAF programme over the summer holidays are now open. Places on the scheme are available free of charge to children aged 5-16 who receive benefit related free school meals. There are spaces available at a reduced rate for those children that are not eligible for benefit related free school meals.

Each local programme will provide healthy meals, allow kids to get active, help them learn new things, make friends and have fun.

This summer, the programme includes schemes aimed at developing skills, knowledge and confidence around active travel including walking, cycling and wheeling; including raising awareness of how sustainable travel reduces local air pollution, protects the environment, and helps to improve both physical and mental health,

To book your child's place, please visit: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/find-and-book-haf-sessions-your-area>



HAF

Holiday Activities and Food
Are your children on benefit related free school meals?

If yes, they can get up to four fully funded holiday activities this Summer.
[warrington.gov.uk/haf](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/haf)



Water/Summer Safety

This half-term, all students have received assemblies about water safety, considering the hot weather increases the risk of children entering water with the aim of cooling down.

Cheshire Fire Service have also delivered more specialist assemblies to year 8, and have educated students further on the risks of entering water.

All students have been asked to familiarise themselves with the adjacent advice, which may also be helpful for parents/carers also.

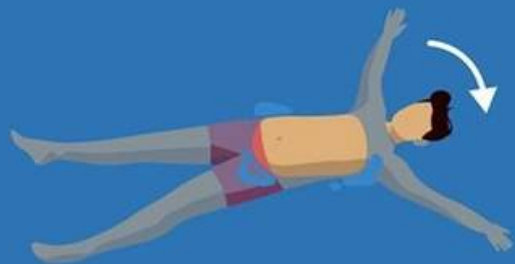
The youth service have also provided the following video with general summer safety advice: <https://vimeo.com/1109311084?fl=pl&fe=sh>

BBC NEWS

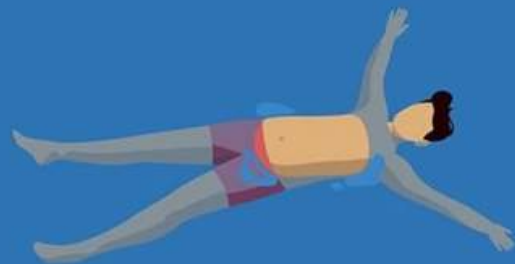
Gett/RNLI

What to do if you get into trouble in the water...

Tilt your head back
submerging your ears



Relax and control
your breathing



Move hands and
legs to stay afloat



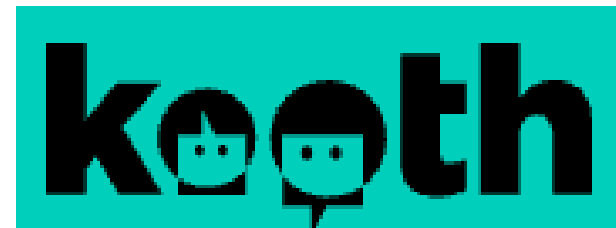
It's OK if your legs sink,
keep your head above water





Summer Support

Below are some services who are able to provide support over summer, should it be required:



www.kooth.com - free, anonymous counselling for young people

Childline: information resources and helpline for children 24/7.



Samaritans: free listening service. Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org

Domestic Abuse Hub: for support with domestic abuse, including digital abuse, call [01925 243359](tel:01925243359) or visit <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/domesticabuse>

In an emergency, call 999.
In a mental health crisis, call 111.

