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Dear Parent/Carer,

Safeguarding over the summer

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, we want to thank you for working with us to keep our children safe and supported. As schools break up for the summer holidays, it's more important than ever to stay alert to the risks young people may face—whether at home, out and about in Bristol, or online.

Below are some practical reminders to help keep children safe and well during the summer months.

Staying Safe in the Bristol Community

Bristol is a vibrant and busy city, especially in summer. Whether children are enjoying local parks, shops, or travelling around the city, please remind them of the following:

For KS1–KS2 (Younger Children):

- Stay close to a trusted adult in public places
- Learn key contact information like your name and mobile number.
- Use pedestrian crossings and be alert around bikes, scooters and busy traffic areas.

For KS3–KS4 (Older Children):

- If heading into town, use well-lit, busy routes and avoid shortcuts through secluded areas such as alleyways or parks after dark.
- Be streetwise with mobile phones – keep them out of sight when not in use.
- Use public transport safely – plan routes and make sure travel cards or payment methods are sorted in advance.
- Be cautious of peer pressure and know how to say no if a situation doesn't feel right.

Summer Safety Reminders

Water Safety:

- Rivers like the Avon or places like the Harbourside can appear calm but hide hidden dangers such as strong currents and cold water shock.
- Please discourage swimming in unsupervised areas – instead, consider local pools or lidos such as Jubilee Pool or Horfield Leisure Centre.

Sun & Heat Safety:

- Use high-factor sunscreen and encourage wearing hats and lightweight clothing.
- Stay hydrated, especially during Bristol's warmer summer spells.
- Take regular breaks in shaded areas while out exploring the city.

Online Safety:

- With more downtime, children may spend more time on apps like TikTok, Snapchat or gaming platforms.
- Use parental controls and privacy settings.
- Keep an open dialogue—remind them not to share personal details or arrange to meet people they've only spoken to online.

If You're Concerned

If you're worried about your child or another young person, don't hesitate to seek support. You can contact:

- **Bristol Children's Social Care (First Response):** 0117 903 6444
- **NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000
- **Childline (for young people):** 0800 1111 or www.childline.org.uk
- **Avon and Somerset Police (non-emergency):** 101 or report online

In an emergency, always call **999**.

♥ A Safe & Happy Summer from All of Us

Thank you again for your partnership in keeping Bristol's children safe. We hope you enjoy a summer filled with rest, sunshine, and special family time. We look forward to seeing you in September.

If you have any questions or require further support please do reach out to your schools Designated Safeguarding Lead or you can contact me directly lacie.hooper@clf.uk or via telephone 07510 383335.

Yours Sincerely

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