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FREE downloadable resources from the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) – keeping families safe around water this year

We're supporting Drowning Prevention Week 12-19 June 2020

In a bid to ensure pupils know how to keep themselves and others safe, we're encouraging parents and guardians to take advantage of the FREE downloadable water safety resources, produced for RLSS UK's annual Drowning Prevention Week campaign.

The impact of COVID-19 has already seen emergency services additionally stretched; with beach lifeguard patrols restrained water safety skills, and a common sense approach to being around water, have never been more necessary.

Drowning still remains an issue across the UK and Ireland: it can happen to anyone of any age, with around 700 people sadly losing their life in avoidable drowning incidents, each year.

RLSS UK, the Charity who aims to help everybody enjoy the water, safely, fears that a mix of the warm weather, coupled with more people travelling and the reduced supervision around water, could lead to summer tragedies.

The Charity are being proactive, urging families to access their water safety resources and turn the lockdown restrictions to their advantage.

RLSS UK's resources will empower family members to be their own lifeguards; helping you to recognise risks, what to do minimise the chance of an accident, and how to respond confidently and effectively, in an emergency situation.

Drowning Prevention Week was launched by RLSS UK seven years ago; it is a week of national awareness-raising campaigning that encourages parents, schools, leisure centres, community groups and businesses, to use the FREE resources and teach their local communities how to enjoy the water, safely.

To access RLSS UK's resources and start enjoying your water safety journey, visit the RLSS UK's website [here](http://www.rlss.org.uk/dpw).