



Wednesday 16 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have been aware, we were due to welcome Lucas Dobson's father Nathan into school on Friday this week in order to launch the all-new Water Safety Campaign in Lucas' memory. Unfortunately, due to the horrendous weather forecast, this has now had to be postponed and is now scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23 June.

Nathan was due to arrive at school via helicopter alongside Peter Faulding, the CEO of rescue company SGI, in order to deliver to us the first batch of eight lifejackets that have been produced in Lucas' memory. ([Click here](#) to read an article from the Daily Mirror containing further information and to find out more about their work.)

Once delivered to school, families will be able to arrange via the school office to borrow one or more of the lifejackets free of charge. These will be available on a first-come, first served basis and should be returned to school once they have been finished with.

We are very happy to support this really important initiative. Living in a coastal town, with rivers and lakes within driving distance, we know that many families sometimes make the decision to take their children out on the water – often without wearing a life jacket. Very occasionally, the worst can sometimes happen.

In addition to the Water Safety Campaign, Lucas' mum Kirsty is working with her family to seek a change in the law (referred to as Lucas' Law) to make it compulsory for children to wear lifejackets when out on the water. They have already received support from Natalie Elphicke MP. [Click here](#) to view further information about this campaign.

It is also very fitting that next week is national "Drowning Prevention Week". [Click here](#) to visit the Royal Life Saving Society website to view further information. This has been made all the more important through recent events where many children have lost out on learning to swim due to the restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic.

Yours faithfully

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