



Tuesday 6th January

Winter Water Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, we were made aware that there were children of primary age playing on and around the ice on the Millpond before school. This is clearly very concerning given the risk that ice and cold water can present. Whilst we don't believe it was children from Gossops Green Primary School (due to the description), we will be reminding our Year 5 and 6 pupils (as they are allowed to walk home unaccompanied) in class today about **Winter Water Safety**, focusing on the key messages:

- Frozen water can look stronger and more solid than it really is
- If the ice cracks and you fall into freezing water, you're at risk of hypothermia and drowning.
- However tempting that frozen pond or lake may be to venture out on, it's just not worth the risk

All pupils across the school will also be reminded in assemblies this week about the dangers of walking on frozen water ways.

We would really appreciate the support of parents reiterating this message at home, particularly for children who walk to and from school independently.

Kind regards,

Sarah Dunne
Principal
The Collegiate Trust