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Dear Parents and Carers,

### On-Site Swimming Lessons - Autumn Term

We are delighted to inform you that the swimming pool will be returning to our school site this term. As before, we have hired a **temporary heated and filtered pool** from **Aqualympic**, which will be installed on the **top KS2 playground**. The pool is fully insured, operated under strict safety guidelines, and supervised by a **qualified Level 2 swimming teacher and trained lifesaver**. All equipment is provided.

### Key Dates:

* **Pool Installation and Delivery: Monday** **6th October** (from this date, rearranged home-time collection procedures will apply)
* **Daily Swimming Lessons for Year 5 & Year 6:** Week beginning **Monday 13th October**
* **Daily Swimming Lessons for Year 3 & Year 4:** Week beginning **Monday 20th October**

### Why Daily Swimming?

Daily swimming sessions significantly boost children’s water confidence, skill progression, and overall safety in the water. With small group lessons each day, every child receives focused instruction and the chance to make rapid progress.

### Safety and Staffing

We understand that safety is a priority. Please be assured that:

* The pool is **fully insured, licensed, and regulated**.
* All lessons are delivered by a **qualified swimming teacher**.
* A **school staff member** will supervise each group at all times.
* Children will change in **individual gender-specific pop-up cubicles** in the library to ensure privacy and safeguarding.

### What Your Child Will Need Each Day:

* **Swimming costume, trunks or shorts** (no bikinis or long/baggy shorts below the knee)
* **Swim hat** (required for children with hair below ear length)
* **Towel**
* **Dressing gown, large hoodie, or swimming towel wrap** (to wear when moving between pool and library)
* **Flip flops, sliders or Crocs**
* **School PE kit** (to be worn throughout the week – no branded or non-uniform items)

Children will swim in groups of 10 and will change in/out of their swimwear at school. It is essential that children bring their swimming kit to school every day during their swimming week. Please note that as this term is later in the year, it will be colder when the children exit the pool. Having something warm to wrap up in, such as a dressing gown or large hoodie, will be especially important for the very short walk to the library. Last term many children managed with just a beach towel, but now we are in the middle of the Autumn season, we ask that they are properly prepared

**ALL CLOTHING AND ITEMS THAT BELONG TO YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME**

### Changes to End-of-Day Collection

Because the pool will be on the top playground, there will be some changes to dismissal:

* From **Monday 6th October**, **Years 2, 3, 4 and 6** will be dismissed from the **bottom playground**.
* **Year 5** will be dismissed from the **top playground**.
* Parents are asked to wait outside Year 2 and not enter the bottom playground, as space will be limited with most classes being dismissed there.

### A New Approach to Swimming

This is now our second term of delivering swimming lessons on-site. While we are confident in the systems we have in place, there may still be small adjustments needed to make things run smoothly. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to ensure the best experience for all children. Thank you for supporting this exciting opportunity for our pupils. If you have any questions, please contact myself or your child’s class teacher.

Kind regards,
**Mr Ullah**