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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: ****On-Site Swimming Lessons – Summer Term 2nd to 13th June****

We are excited to share that we will be offering all children in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to take part in a week of **daily swimming lessons** on the school site this term. To make this possible, we have hired a **temporary heated swimming pool**, which will be installed on the **top KS2 playground** using the experienced and fully licensed company [Aqualympic](http://www.aqualympic.co.uk/).

### Key Dates:

* **Pool Installation:** From **Friday 16th May**
* **Daily Swimming Lessons for Year 3 & Year 4:** Week beginning **Monday 2nd June**
* **Daily Swimming Lessons for Year 5 & Year 6:** Week beginning **Monday 9th June**

### Why Daily Swimming?

Daily swimming sessions have been shown to significantly boost children's water confidence, skills progression, and overall safety in the water. With 6 small group lessons each day, children will benefit from intensive, focused instruction tailored to their needs.

### Safety and Staffing

We understand that you may have questions about safety. Please be assured that:

* The pool is **fully insured**, licensed, and operated to **strict safety regulations**.
* All lessons will be led by a **qualified swim teacher**.
* Each group will also be supervised by a **school staff member** at all times.
* Children will get changed in **individual pop-up cubicles**, which will be located inside the library to ensure privacy and comfort.

### What Your Child Will Need:

Please ensure your child comes to school **prepared every day** of their swimming week with:

* A suitable **swimming costume (no bikini style costumes), trunks or shorts(not below the knee)**
* A **swim hat** (for any child with hair below the ears)
* A **towel**
* A **dressing gown**, large **hoodie**, or **swimming towel wrap** to wear after the exit the pool
* **Flip flops, sliders or Crocs** for walking to and from the pool area to the library to change

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

**Children should wear their school PE kit throughout the week they are swimming** to make changing quicker and easier. Please note that this should be the correct **school PE kit only** – branded or non-uniform items are not permitted.

Children will swim in groups of 10 and change in/out of their swimwear at school. It is essential they arrive ready with their swimming kit **every day** during their assigned week.

### Changes to End-of-Day Collection

Due to the pool being on the top playground, we will need to make temporary changes to end-of-day collection arrangements:

* From **Monday 19th May**, **Years 2, 3, 4 and 5** will be dismissed from the **bottom playground**
* **Year 6** will be dismissed from the **top playground**
* To ensure safety and space, we kindly ask parents to **wait outside Year 2** and **do not come onto the bottom playground** at pick-up time as there will not be room with most classes waiting to be dismissed. You can still enter via the main gate as wait there for the gates to be opened

### A New Approach to Swimming

This is our **first year delivering swimming lessons using a pool on-site**, and while we are excited about the opportunities this provides, there may be some **teething issues** as we learn and adjust. We appreciate your **patience and support** as we tweak arrangements to ensure the best possible experience for all our children.

Thank you for your support in making this fantastic opportunity possible for our pupils. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child’s class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Ullah