



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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*"Do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God." Isaiah 41*

Dear Parents

Swimming Autumn Term 2022

As you are aware Year 2 are due to start swimming lessons when they begin Year 3 in September. We know that the cost of swimming for the new academic year has risen sharply. To confirm, your contribution pays for the transport to and from the pool, it does not pay for the hire of the pool or the swim teachers, this is paid for by the school. Since we have received the quote from the coach company we have been looking at ways in which we can support you to enable all children to participate in this enjoyable experience. We are aware of the financial pressures that everyone is under. With that in mind we have decided to subsidise the cost of swimming for this academic year. We are therefore asking for a contribution of £30 for the terms swimming instead of £50.60. We hope that this new figure is more manageable in these challenging times. As before you will still have the option to pay in instalments. The school payment system has been adjusted to reflect this new cost. If you have already paid £50.60 then you will be refunded the difference from the school office, please bear with us while we process this refund.

School swimming is a part of our national curriculum just like addition and subtraction, sentence writing, interpreting the scriptures, studying electricity and many other areas of within our learning. We understand that many children participate in swimming lessons outside of school hours. Please be reassured that if your child can already swim they will be challenged in other ways, just like we challenge children in the classroom. This might be through life saving skills or preparation for competitive swimming in our school swimming galas.

Thank you to those of you who have spoken to us about this, we do listen, reflect and review! We hope that your child will enjoy this opportunity in the new school year.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury

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