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Summer Term Swimming

Dear Parents,

Over recent weeks, preparations to open our pool have been well underway. If plans continue to progress successfully, we anticipate opening the pool to Years 1-6 from week commencing 26th April until the end of the summer term. Class teachers will let you know via ClassDojo the day their class' will be swimming.

Our children will benefit from a half hour swimming lesson weekly led by a swimming instructor and supported by their class' Learning Support Assistant.

While I realise that this is exciting news that the whole school community will share, I am also aware that when there's good news, there's usually the bad news to go with it. I know that you will be aware that the swimming pool comes at a considerable cost to our school; a cost that we are sadly unlikely to be able to sustain in future years. For the term ahead, we anticipate the opening of our pool to cost approximately £15,000. This is before any commitment has been made towards the cost of additional staffing such as the swimming instructors and maintenance. It is therefore vital that we receive the financial support from our families to offer this unique opportunity of swimming for so many of our children.

Therefore, we are asking for a contribution of £15 per child.

If every family contributes, this will allow for a third of this exorbitant cost to our school budget to be funded by you.

This process can be made easier by making your contribution online via [Scopay](#). If you are not already registered for Scopay, please click [here](#) to request an online access code which will be emailed directly to you.

In order to prepare the younger children for swimming, please give them every opportunity to practice getting dressed and undressed independently during the school holidays.

Your child will need a swimming kit which should be labelled with their name and class. The kit must include:

- One-piece swimming costume or trunks
- Towel
- Swimming hat (available to purchase from school for £1)
- A separate bag to keep the swimming kit in

We ask that children do not wear jewellery on their swimming day or bring talcum powder or other toiletries into school.

For now, we will hold onto the good news, that the pool is well and truly set to open for the Summer Term and look forward our children benefitting from this.

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher