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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Important information about Year 5 swimming

Swimming will commence on Monday 8th January 2024 for all children in Sycamore and Juniper class. These lessons will last for 5 weeks and will happen in the morning. The final lesson will be on Monday 5th February 2024. All lessons will be fully supervised and led by qualified instructors.

We are requesting a contribution of £27.00 for each child to cover insurance and coach transport. Payments can be made on ParentPay. You can either pay this amount in full or spread it over three payments, two of £10.00 and a final amount of £7.00.

We appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum. If you are in this position and have need of financial assistance, please apply in confidence to the office. It should also be stressed that if a family were unable to contribute, no child within the year group would be disadvantaged and be left out of the activity.

Due to the increased pressure on our school budget, we have to manage our limited finances more carefully than ever before. As a result, voluntary contributions are greatly relied on and your support is very much appreciated.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. All children should be able to: -

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 meters
- Use a range of strokes effectively (front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Failure to teach swimming would mean the school was in breach of statutory requirements. The ability to swim is an important life skill – it is a great way to exercise and keep fit – and it can be a life saver! Please help us by encouraging your child and making sure they have their own swimwear, towel and any other equipment they may prefer to use in the water, such as a swim hat, goggles and ear plugs.

We are mindful that there are certain medical conditions that may require a child to be withdrawn from swimming lessons and alternative arrangements for their physical education would always be discussed. It is parental choice whether children wear swimming hats, however, these are not provided by the school.

Please complete consent and the questionnaire on ParentPay as soon as possible. The questionnaire is designed to sit alongside the swimming centre's assessments and will provide us with further insight into those children who access swimming lessons/facilities outside of school and the other extra-curricular swimming opportunities they may have. Your child will be assessed in their initial lesson, so we can provide them with the best swimming experience possible.





If you have any questions or concerns about swimming, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michica
P.E co-ordinator