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Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming Lessons Year 4 in September – 20th September 2023 – 26th June 2024

Year 4 will commence swimming lessons from September. Lessons will take place on a Wednesday and your child will swim **every other** week, 4EC will start on 20th September and 4BD will begin the following week Wednesday 27th September. Each term of lessons will last 10 weeks, each class will attend 5 lessons per term, **Block 1** will run from Wednesday 20th September until Wednesday 29th November, no lesson on Wednesday 25th October due to half term. **Block 2** will run from Wednesday 10th January until Wednesday 20th March, no lesson on Wednesday 21st February due to half term. **Block 3** will begin after the Easter break on Wednesday 17th April until Wednesday 26th June, no lesson on Wednesday 29th May due to half term.

The cost of each session is **£6.30**, which covers the tuition fee and costs the pool charges the school. The charge is made in advance and as the school has to pay regardless of whether a child is absent, no refunds will be made if a child misses a lesson. Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the fees. However, the present arrangements for lessons depend upon parents being willing to make contributions. **Please arrange payment via your child’s scopay.com ensuring the consent question is completed.**

The total cost for your child’s swimming lessons for the year will be **£94.50** this can be paid as one amount if you wish or by 8 instalments, 1st instalment of **£11.83** followed by 7 payments of **£11.81** due by 28th September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May.

Escorts are needed to enable swimming to take place. We need five regular helpers for each class who have time to spare between **1.00 to 3.00pm** to help with supervising walking to and from the swimming pool we also need some reserve helpers. Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety reasons, it will not be possible to bring younger children. If parental help is not available, it will be impossible for swimming to take place. **Please let the office know if you are able to help. You will be contacted by the class teacher/office if you are needed.** Please note: parent/helpers are not allowed in the changing rooms with the children, but can wait in the viewing gallery.

The children will need to bring: **A one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis), swimming hat, towel and a bag. Impulse Leisure stipulates that boys’ trunks or shorts MUST finish ABOVE the knee. No watches or jewellery should be worn as the school cannot be held responsible for any losses. Goggles are optional. Please ensure that all clothing is named.** Swimming is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum, so therefore it is essential that all children attend regardless, as it is essentially a life skill.

All children will return to school afterwards and will be dismissed at 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Haslam-Davis
Headteacher

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