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Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming is a fabulous and important part of the National Curriculum which children enjoy taking part in. It also promotes fitness and safety in and around water.

During the first week of swimming, we assess the children's ability and to what extent they meet expectations outlined in the national curriculum.

The cost per lesson has risen slightly to £7.50 this year, due to the increase in both the cost of the swimming pool hire and coach hire.

The cost for the 10 weeks of lessons will be £75 per child (£7.50 per week) which covers the hire of the pool and lifeguard, swimming tuition and transport costs. Payments and consents can be made online using your sQuid account, alternatively please bring a cheque to the school office and request a paper version of the consent form. Payments can be made in instalments during the whole term. As we are contracted to hire the swimming pool and the coach, regrettably we will be unable to refund money in the event of a child's absence.

If a parent cannot afford all or some of the voluntary contribution then please have a quiet word with a member of the Senior Leadership Team prior to the first swimming session.

If a parent is unwilling to make a voluntary contribution, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We would also like to remind parents that they must ensure that swimming kit is brought into school.

The first session for Year 4 will be **Thursday 11th January 2024 and the last lesson will be Thursday 21st March 2024.**

Children should come to school equipped with a swimming kit including a towel and either a one piece costume or swim shorts (not two piece costumes or long surf-style shorts). A swimming hat is required for all children with long hair.

No earring studs should be worn on swimming days. As freshly pierced ears take several weeks to heal piercing should only take place at the very start of the summer holidays. Please check your child's feet for infections such as Athlete's Foot and Verrucas. If children are affected by either of these conditions, they cannot use the pool unless a special sock is worn. These are produced commercially and can be bought from a sports shop.

If you are not able or willing to pay the full amount please make an appointment via the school office or speak to a member of the SLT team on the school playground to discuss the cost of swimming in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Lincoln
Headteacher