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Dear Parents and Carers,

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YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Following discussions with the school's Governors, SMT, Year Two Teaching staff and Swim Start I have made some changes to the provision of swimming for our Year Two children this year.

Year Two classes will each swim for one term – a period of 12 weekly lessons this year. Unlike last year school will be providing this free of charge for all children in year 2 and this will form part of their P.E. curriculum. Schools should provide two hours of P.E. per week on their timetable from Year 1 – 6.

This change is being made to ensure that all children get the opportunity to have swimming lessons regardless of the cost implications for their parents, and to ensure that we are providing each child's statutory entitlement to two hours of P.E. a week.

Lessons will take place at Swim Start as before, and we have also timetabled a member of our own school staff to accompany the children off site to the lessons to help improve consistency of behaviour and ensure that pupils are safe.

Swimming for Year Two will start on Wednesday 18th September for Mrs Eames Class "Owls". The last lesson will be on the 11th December. Spring Term will be Mrs Kenyon's class "Kingfishers" and Summer Term will be Miss Daguzan's "Doves" class.

Can parents please ensure that their children have their swimming kit in school on Wednesday. This should be clearly named and in a separate swimming bag. Children will need a named swimming costume/trunks and a towel. No long swimming shorts. Swimming hats and goggles are allowed.

I hope that all your children enjoy their swimming experience this year and that they make the most of this opportunity to learn this very important life skill.

Yours Faithfully,

K.S.Russell
Headteacher