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SWIMMING LESSONS 2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the swimming lessons last year! We are really hoping that the children will be able to benefit from the swimming pool again this school year.

Whilst school receives a sports premium grant that covers the instructor's fee, we still have to pay for chemicals, electricity to heat the pool and any potential repairs that may be required.

Last year, only 60% of children paid their contribution towards the lessons, which alongside the rise in energy costs meant that, without some very generous large donations from amazing school families and the gift aid collection, the running costs of around £7900, would not have been covered.

As you may be aware, the school is not obliged to provide swimming tuition for every pupil, every year. A school's obligation is to ensure a child has had a *reasonable opportunity* to learn to swim 25m before they leave for Secondary School. In some settings, this often means only **one** year group receive swimming tuition and, without a pool on site, they would travel to an external sports centre, meaning extra costs for transport on top of tuition fees.

This year we will be keeping the cost to **£35 per child**, which **school** will be collecting via SCOPAY. This will enable you to pay in instalments over the school year. Swimming lessons should be starting in May, meaning that you could contribute around £1 a week for the rest of the year, per child.

The children also have class parties and galas that parents are invited to. This is an amazing feature of the school and a life-saving skill. *Please contribute through the year to make our pool continue to provide a great experience for your children.*

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Sophie Manning

PTFA Chairperson

Swimming Lessons Payment 2023/2024

Child's name _____ Class _____ @£35

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I confirm I will pay via SCOPAY for swimming/I confirm I will pay cash for swimming (*please delete as appropriate*)

Signed: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

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