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Dear Parents,

Year 3 Swimming – Summer Term 2018

I write further to my letter of 26th March regarding Swimming sessions for Year 3.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that as such a high percentage of parents have not contributed to the costs that we have to meet in order to take the children swimming, we will only be taking them swimming for 5 sessions this term. The last swimming session of the year will, therefore, be on Tuesday 22nd May.

By providing the children with 25 sessions this year, we have more than met the statutory requirements of the P.E. curriculum but, even so, we feel it is a shame that this cohort of children will not benefit from the same number of sessions as previous cohorts that have gone through the School. Our approach to the teaching of swimming has resulted in such high percentages of our children being able to swim competently before they leave our School at the end of Year 4. In comparison, many other First Schools do not take the children Swimming at all, leaving Middle Schools with the responsibility of meeting Key Stage 2 statutory requirements for the teaching of Swimming.

Unfortunately, School budgets have been reducing significantly in real terms over the last few years and so we rely on voluntary contributions from parents to help us to go that “extra mile” to provide such a rich, stimulating curriculum, which helps to make School life so enjoyable and memorable for your children whilst also ensuring that they gain a secure grasp of key skills, including life skills such as being able to swim. However, as I explained in my letter of 26th March, if a high enough percentage of parents are unwilling to contribute, we are unable to continue with the activity, which is the position we have, regrettably, found ourselves in.

I am sorry for those parents and children who would have liked to have completed the 30 sessions of swimming but I am sure that you understand the situation that we have found ourselves in. We will, of course, reimburse parents for 50% of any contributions made. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

