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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to let you know that for the final two weeks of this term we will have a **swimming pool at our school** in order for our KS2 (Jupiter, Saturn & Neptune) pupils to receive daily swimming lessons.

Benefits of water safety and swimming lessons:

- Swimming provides numerous physical and mental benefits throughout a pupil's life
- Water safety is an essential life-saving skill
- Learning to swim allows pupils to have fun in the water with family and friends
- Knowing how to swim provides access to many other water-related activities – and careers
- Learning about water safety in different water environments and situations is vital to staying safe in and around water

Being able to access a swimming pool in our grounds has numerous benefits against travelling to a pool.

- We will have sole use of the pool, no sharing with others
- Extremely small numbers in each lesson compared to traditional whole class swimming lessons
- Swimming session length will be maximized
- No travelling in a coach to the pool and back
- Travel time will not affect other lessons

The heated and filtered pool will be set up on our playground inside a marquee, the company will also provide a lifeguard and swimming teacher and our teaching staff will also teach and support children in each lesson. LCC have been involved with our planning of this and our risk assessment.

Every KS2 pupil will use the pool each school day from Monday 13th May until Friday the 24th May.

The children will change into and out of their swimwear inside school before walking in their dressing gown/towel and pumps/flip flops to the pool.

Each school day from Monday 13th May until Friday 24th May your child will need to have in school -

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a dry towel
- a swimming hat if they have long hair (to prevent their vision being impeded during the session)
- a dressing gown (optional)
- pumps or flip flops

Jewellery must not be worn and we ask that **goggles** are only worn in exceptional circumstances. In the event of your child being involved outside school in a hazardous water situation, it is extremely unlikely that they would be wearing goggles. It is important therefore, that your child learns to swim without being dependent on goggles. If you believe that there are exceptional circumstances, we will provide you with a form to enable you to request an exception.

Swimming aids are provided by the pool company.

Swimming hats are available to buy from school at a cost of £1.30, please speak to the office if you would like to purchase one.

More information will be sent home next week.

Kind Regards,

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Vicki Conway
Headteacher