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Year 4 Swimming

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that our **Year 4 pupils will begin their swimming lessons on Tuesday 15th September**. They will have 12 weekly sessions.

Swimming is an essential life skill and an important part of the primary curriculum. Learning to swim not only helps children stay safe in and around water, but also builds confidence, resilience and independence. We are excited to provide every Year 4 child with the opportunity to develop these skills in a supportive and enjoyable environment.

We firmly believe that swimming should be accessible to all children. To help make this possible, the school has committed to **subsidising 40% of the overall cost** of lessons and transport. As a result, the contribution requested from parents is **£36** in total, at £3 a session.

Payments and trip consent should be made via **Arbor**. There will be the option to pay in 3 instalment or make payment in full. We kindly ask that payments are made promptly as possible.

We appreciate that families continue to face a range of financial pressures and hope that this significant subsidy demonstrates our commitment to ensuring all children can take part in this valuable learning experience. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact a member of ALT or speak to your child's class teacher.

On swimming days, children should **come to school wearing their Academy PE kit**. They will also need to bring a bag containing:

- A swimming costume (one-piece swimsuit for girls)
- A towel
- Goggles

Please note: The swimming pool does not permit bikinis and requires female pupils to wear a suitable one-piece swimsuit. Long hair must be tied up and earrings will need to be removed.

We strongly encourage all children to bring **goggles**. Goggles help children to see clearly underwater, build confidence and feel more secure during lessons, enabling them to get the most out of their swimming experience.

Swimming lessons provide children with the chance to make excellent progress in the water, regardless of their starting point. Whether your child is a confident swimmer or just beginning their journey, the programme is designed to support and challenge them appropriately.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to seeing our Year 4 children develop this vital skill, gain confidence and enjoy the experience together.

Yours sincerely,

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