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Dear Parents/Carers,

The swimming pool has arrived!

I have enclosed the previous letter that was sent on 13th January for your information. Please see below for the plans for dropping children off in the morning and collecting in the evening. We have two weeks of slight disruption, but swimming will give all of our children such a memorable learning experience.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)

Children are to be dropped off and collected as usual at the Early Years door.

Lunchtime collections and drop offs are again as usual – at the main office door.

Year One and Two

Children will need to be dropped off and collected at the hall door please. This is to the right of the main office door.

Years Three, Four, Five and Six

Children and parents will need to make their way to the Key Stage Two playground (follow the path to the right of the main office). Staff will be on the playground to collect the children at 8.45am. I will be on that playground each morning for any messages.

Collection will be from the Key Stage Two playground at 3.20pm.

These collection points will remain the same from today until Friday 17th February 2023. I would ask that you are patient with us during this exciting time. We would ask that every child brings their swimming kits in on Monday 6th February and Tuesday 7th February as on these days all children will be assessed in order to see which small group they will be in. A qualified swimming instructor and a member of our staff will be with the children at all times.

We are delighted that we are able to have a swimming pool here at school from Monday 6th February – Thursday 16th February. The 32ft long x 16ft wide x 4ft deep heated swimming pool (33 degrees) will be set up on the playground, underneath a marquee. It is a core requirement of the National Curriculum that all children can confidently swim at least 25m by the time they leave Primary School and learn lifesaving skills. Therefore, all children from Nursery to Year 6 will be given the opportunity to improve their water confidence and swimming ability over these two weeks.



There will be a qualified swimming instructor on site at all times to ensure the children's safety and to deliver high quality swimming lessons. Regardless of swimming ability, all children will be given the opportunity to go into the pool over the two weeks.

To maximise the swimming time for the children, there will be an extremely busy swimming timetable across the two weeks. The priority for swimming lessons will be given to non-swimmers and developing swimmers in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) where many of these children will be swimming daily.

Please can all children from KS2 have a dry swimming kit in school every day across these two weeks. For these children the swimming timetable will be adapted across the two weeks dependent on swimming progress, therefore, a KS2 swimming timetable will not be handed out. If your child does not have their swimming kit in school and they are collected to go and swim, unfortunately they will miss their swimming session and it will not be re-arranged due to the logistics of organising swimming lessons for 150+ children.

For children in KS1 (Reception – Year 2), they will be having a swimming experience to build their water confidence and for some developing swimmers their swimming technique. All children in KS1 will have swimming experiences. ***A timetable will be shared by the end of the week to let you know exactly when your children will need their swimming kit in school.*** If they do not have their swimming kit in school on that day, they will miss their swimming opportunity.

In your child's swimming bag they will all need:

- **A swimming costume/shorts (only one-piece costumes and boys' shorts need to be above their knees)**
- **A towel**
- **Flip flops or slippers (which are easy to slide on and off)**
- **A dressing gown**

All children need every item on this list as the children will be getting changed in school, therefore, they need to be suitably dressed to walk to the pool.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Maureen Collier
Headteacher

