

19th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing regarding our swimming programme, which forms an essential part of our curriculum and provides our children with invaluable life skills.

As you may know, swimming lessons require us to arrange transport to the local pool and pay qualified instructors to teach our children. These necessary expenses have created a significant financial challenge for our school this year; **the school has had to find £2000** each swimming term to make up the shortfall.

Unfortunately, we are unable to use the Sports and P.E. grants to cover these costs because swimming is a mandatory part of the curriculum. The grants we do receive cover only a small fraction of the actual expenses involved.

We are immensely proud to offer this vital life skill to our children, and we've seen first-hand how much they benefit from and enjoy these lessons. Many children who were initially hesitant around water have grown in confidence and all have improved their swimming abilities.

However, to continue providing this opportunity next year, we urgently need your support. We are asking all parents and carers to consider contributing whatever they can toward this programme. Even a small donation would make a meaningful difference.

If you are able to make a contribution, you can do so easily via Scopay, under Swimming Donations. Any amount, no matter how small, will help us maintain this important part of your child's education.

Without your help, we face difficult decisions about the future of our swimming programme. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn this essential skill and we know you share our commitment to providing the best possible education for your children.

Please consider how you might be able to help. Your contribution, however modest, would demonstrate that we are all invested in our children's education and safety.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Reynecke-Raybould

Headteacher