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Dear Parents/Carers

### Swimming

As part of the National Curriculum, schools are required to ensure that children can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively, and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Providing that no new Lockdowns or other Covid regulations come into force, we finally have the go-ahead to take Owls class swimming next term, for a 12 week block of half-hour lessons, starting on January 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing up until the Easter holidays.

The lessons will take place on Friday afternoons, and the children will travel by coach to Dursley Leisure Centre, returning before the end of the school day. They will need to bring swimming kit to school with them every Friday morning, which should include a towel, swimming costume/trunks, a swimming cap/hair tied back if long and a plastic/waterproof bag.

The block of lessons (including coach hire and 3 professional swimming instructors) requires a donation of £40 per child, payable via Parentpay. Any financial contribution will be entirely voluntary and your child will not be denied a place should you be unable to pay the contribution. However, the school will not proceed with the activity unless there are sufficient contributions for it to be financed. Please contact the office should you require any help. Payment should be made preferably before the end of term, in order for a decision to be made as to the financial viability of this activity. We do appreciate that this is a big ask, so close to Christmas, and so if you absolutely cannot pay until January, this will be acceptable.

Thank you for continuing support.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Headteacher/ PE Lead

