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Dear Year 5 Families,

RE: Spring Term 2025 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for Year 5 children will begin after Christmas. Your child will swim every **Monday morning for a period of 10 weeks, starting Monday 13th January 2025.**

The expectation is that every child swims, regardless of their skill level. Swimming, along with all of Saxon's curriculum, is taught in differentiated groups to enable children of varying experience and ability to learn and excel. Lessons are run by qualified swimming instructors from the respected company Swim Quest.

The instructors will assess and group the children during the first lesson, therefore we will not need to ask your child's current ability. In addition, all relevant medical information and any additional needs information that we hold is provided to Swim Quest.

We are asking parents for a **£25.00** contribution (per child) which will go towards our extremely expensive pool running costs and we thank you for supporting this. Please log in to **Scopay to make payment.**

Refunds will not be given if your child misses a lesson due to absence. If **we** need to cancel a lesson we will make it up on another date and if this is not possible we will provide a refund for the missed lesson.

Please send your child to school with a towel, a swim hat, and a one-piece costume or trunks, and goggles if required, in a named and waterproof bag every week. **Swim hats must be worn** in the pool so please ensure your child has a hat with them every time they swim.

A reminder that children who have recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove them independently are unable to participate in swimming. Children are not permitted to wear plasters over earrings. Staff are unable to assist with this, therefore children who may need assistance, should be encouraged to send their children to school without earrings in on days in which swimming is timetabled.

As swimming forms part of the curriculum, and therefore are compulsory, we would strongly advise that should you wish to get your child's ears pierced, you do this at the beginning of the summer holidays. This will avoid lessons being missed and your child becoming upset or anxious due to not being able to participate due to health & safety reasons.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

