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Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming – Spring Term 2024 – Middle School

In the Spring term the children in Middle School will be having 10 half hour swimming lessons at Basildon Sporting Village. As part of the National Curriculum pupils are expected to participate in swimming as it forms an integral part of the curriculum along with games, gymnastics and dance. Government's expectation is that pupils leaving primary school must be able to swim 25 metres. Unlike religious and sex education lessons parents are not allowed to opt out of PE lessons.

Swimming lessons start on **Thursday 11th January 2024** and then on the following dates: 18th Jan, 25th Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 15th Feb, 29th Feb, 7th March, 14th March finishing on 21st March.

The cost of swimming is £37.50 for the 10 weeks. This has been heavily subsidised by the Government's PE Grant. I am obliged by law to inform you that you are under no obligation to make the requested voluntary contribution. Your child will not be treated differently from the others if you choose not to contribute.

Children must wear school uniform on swimming lesson days. Please do not let them wear their swimming costumes to school for hygiene reasons. They will need a towel, costume or trunks, brush or comb. Red swimming hats need to be worn and will be provided free of charge. Girls should wear costumes (bikinis are not permitted) and boys should wear trunks or shorts that are above the knee. All earrings **must be** removed as it is the policy of the pool that no earrings are permitted.

Please send back the attached permission slip to school at your earliest convenience.

Payment is available now through www.schoolmoney.co.uk. £17.50 is due by 11th January 2024 and the remaining balance of £20 is due before the 21st March please.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Deed'.

Mrs Deed
Lead Teacher

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Inspired by Psalm 119:105***

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Child's name _____

Please tick as appropriate and return this slip at your earliest convenience.

I give permission for my child to attend swimming lessons

I DO NOT give permission for my child to attend swimming lessons

Signed _____

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