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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Swimming Lessons at White Oaks Leisure Centre - Beech Class**

We are pleased to have been able to secure swim lessons at White Oaks Leisure Centre for all of our classes throughout the academic year. This will be for half an hour, every Wednesday afternoon for 12 sessions. The first session for Beech class children, will be on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** and the last session will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. We will travel to and from White Oaks via the school minibus.

White Oaks Leisure Centre have asked all schools to now book a minimum of 12 lessons. They have found that children make far better progress with their swimming when they swim across two terms consecutively. The results of what the children have achieved will be sent to each parent. **Please note that all children will now need to wear a swimming hat to take part in swim lessons. These can be purchased from White Oaks for £2, or you can buy your child their own swim hat, which they must bring and wear each week.**

The cost of the sessions will be **£52.00** per child, which covers the hire of two pools, teaching and main, three swimming instructors and transport to and from the Centre. The children will receive a total of 12 swim lessons, which equates to approximately £4.33 per swim session, including travel. **Payment should be made via our School Gateway platform, under 'Beech Class January 2024 Swim Lessons'.** To ease the cost of the swim sessions, we have set-up the payment to be paid in increments for you, but you must pay for all 12 sessions even if your child does not attend all of them, as school will be charged. We will leave the payment open until the end of Term 4, which will be **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, which gives you four months to spread the payment.

**Please note that it is a national curriculum expectation that all children 'must swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres'.** Therefore, the expectation is that **ALL children should attend swim lessons.** Please let Mrs Doherty in the school office know as soon as possible, if there is any reason why your child cannot attend.

At the end of their swim lessons, children will quickly rinse under the shower with water, no shampoos or shower gels are allowed. Please ensure your child brings the following items in a suitable bag:

- **Boys** – swimming trunks, a towel, and a swimming hat are mandatory. Goggles are recommended.
- **Girls** – a one-piece swim suit, a towel and swimming hat are mandatory. Goggles are recommended.

Please let your child's class teacher know your child's swimming ability; you can put a note in their contact book in preparation for their first swimming lesson. During their first lesson at White Oaks, they will be assessed and grouped, according to their swimming ability.

Yours faithfully

**Mr James Johnson**  
Head of School