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Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming Lessons at White Oak Leisure Centre - Oak Class

We are pleased to have been able to secure swim lessons at White Oak 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 Oak class children, will be on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026** and the last session will be on **Wednesday 15th July 2026**. We will travel to and from White Oak via the school minibus.

White Oak Leisure Centre have asked all schools to 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. All jewellery should be removed, including stud earrings.**

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 'Oak Class Swim Lessons April-July 2026'. 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 Tuesday 30th June 2026, which gives you 5 months to spread the payment cost.

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 swimming costume, a towel and swimming hat are mandatory. Goggles are recommended.

We have also attached a 'School Swimming Ability Grouping' sheet to ascertain your child's swimming ability, with filled out examples for each swim level, using the child's name 'Fred Bloggs'. Please can you let us know your child's swimming ability. During their first lesson at White Oak, they will be assessed and grouped according. If your child has any medical conditions that may affect his/her ability to participate, please contact Mrs Doherty in the School Office, to let us know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr James Johnson
Head of School