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Dear Parents of children in Year 3,

I am writing to update you on the plans for swimming lessons.

As you will be aware we were fully signed up to have a travelling pool come to school and be on our site to enable your children to swim every day for a month and hopefully improve the outcomes for your children through an intensive programme.

Unfortunately, the company has pulled out and is no longer prepared to run the franchise in this area. As a result, we are likely to miss swimming in Year 3 and have to add it into the curriculum in Year 4 - as we did during the pandemic.

It is frustrating, as it also comes at a time when many local swimming pools have closed, but we are looking into all possible alternatives, including possibly investing in our own portable swimming pool facility.

If the worst-case scenario is realised, your child will be targeted for swimming in Year 4 in the next academic year instead. We are committed to meeting the expectation that children learn to swim to a basic standard before they leave Year 6, but the schools swimming programme is limited in both funding and time allocation. We would encourage parents to assume responsibility for ensuring their own child's safety near water, by organising private swimming sessions as well.

Many thanks for your understanding,

Bob

Mr R Buckley
Headteacher



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