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Dear Parents and Carers,

Rowan Class Swimming

Mondays 14th June – 19th July inclusive



Further to my letter before half-term regarding commencing swimming for Rowan Class. After a successful trial session on Wednesday, we are pleased to advise that Rowan Class can continue with the lessons for the rest of Term 6. Rowan Class will be swimming during Term 6 as part of P.E. in the National Curriculum - starting on **Mondays** from 14th June until the 19th July (6 sessions). I joined Rowan Class to observe swimming on Wednesday and was satisfied that the centre's COVID measures worked effectively. It was lovely to see the children enjoying being back in the water again after so long. Learning to swim 25m before transferring to secondary school is the key aim of the Physical Education curriculum and we feel that is important to resume teaching this vital life-skill to the pupils as soon as we are able.

Please remember that your child will be required to bring their swimming kit, a one piece costume for girls and trunks or swimming shorts (not long shorts) for boys, towel, a swimming hat (the Sports Centre does not allow children in school parties to swim without one and we do not have any spares in school) and a suitable bag to carry everything in. Earrings must be completely covered or removed.

Goggles can only be worn with an accompanying note explaining a medical reason. Please note this **does not** have to come from your GP. Becoming safer in and around water is the main aim of swimming sessions and, as children would not necessarily have goggles in an emergency situation, it is preferable that they are able to swim safely without them.

We are keen for the pupils not to miss any swimming lessons if at all possible, and minor injuries or illnesses need not prevent your child taking part. However, if your child is unable to take part in a session, please inform their teacher either in person, with a written note or e-mail.

We ask you to make a contribution of £18.00 (£3 per session) towards the cost of transport. Please make this payment online via Scopay with your permission as soon as possible. The children will be travelling to Bicester Leisure Centre by coach.

Yours sincerely, Mr I Horner