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Dear Parents,

School Pool Swimming

In the sure knowledge that by sending you this letter the temperature will drop by at least 8 degrees, it is still that time of the year when the school pool is open for business and your children have regular swimming sessions. Yesterday, in all that grotty weather, teachers went the extra mile and spent 2 hours in the pool undertaking training in order to ensure we're able to operate the pool this season.

Classes will be having their regular swimming sessions on the following days:

Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday

In order to go swimming your child will need:

A swimming costume/trunks

A swimming hat (this is essential to avoid clogging the pump)

No open wounds and a general lack of infectious diseases.

We do need parents to assist us with lessons, including (with infants) those of you willing to enter the pool! This is essential as it helps give the children who are more nervous a great deal of confidence. If you are able to assist, please let your child's teacher know.

Our school pool is a real bonus to the children here. You may well be aware that many schools have opted to close them down as legislative health and safety issues and personal liability simply makes it too risky. However, all teachers involved in the teaching of swimming have undertaken three separate courses to ensure the continuation of swimming lessons here.

The use of the swimming pool is dictated by various factors on a daily basis. The first is temperature; overnight and daytime temperatures have to be consistent in order for the pool to be warm enough to use. The second is chemical status; chemicals are checked twice each day and have to be spot on to use the pool. The third is the pump; we just had to replace ours, so it shouldn't be a problem this year.

All is looking good and we anticipate starting swimming in the next few days, but you will receive a text for the first few mornings to remind you that it's on if it's your child's turn. If you have any questions or issues regarding swimming, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

