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Dear Parents

Swimming Lessons 2024/25

As you will probably know from our Transition back in the summer, in Year 4, children will be taking part in swimming lessons at Yarborough Leisure Centre. In line with National Curriculum objectives, we plan to enable all children to have the opportunity to swim 25m and can use a range of strokes by the end of the course.

The first session will take place on **Friday 6th September 2024** and continue every Friday in Terms 1, 3, 5 and 6. The lessons match the ability of children in the group. Those children who are already competent swimmers will be in an advanced group and will be able to further develop their skills. Children will be accompanied each week by Mr Harris and Mrs Roberts. In the pool, children will work in groups under the supervision of qualified swimming teachers.

On swimming days, children **should wear school uniform** to school. Suitable swimwear including a large towel should be brought in a small bag. The children will only have a short amount of time in the changing rooms before our allocated pool time so they should be able to quickly take off their school uniform and put it into their bag which will remain poolside. Long hair should be tied back from the face or alternatively a swimming cap may be worn. Due to health and safety requirements from the pool, **earrings are not permitted to be worn** in the pool. These should either not be worn or removed prior to entering the pool. If these cannot be removed, swimming caps should be worn which cover the ears.

The cost of hiring the pool and tuition will be met by the school, however a voluntary contribution of £3 per session per child is requested by the Governing Body towards the costs of transport. Payment can be made on a weekly basis, in a block of 5 or in full. Payments should be made via ParentHub.

It is very important that children remember that they represent the school when they go out of school on visits and sporting activities. We expect children to follow our golden rules at all times and therefore we reserve the right to ask children to remain in school if they are not able to demonstrate appropriate behaviour off the school site. In the event of any child being at school but unable to swim on any particular day, he/she will accompany the group to the swimming pool and then carry out a supervised activity on the poolside.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Harris
Year 4 teacher and PE Lead

