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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Swimming Programme

I am writing to update you about swimming next year. We are very proud of the current year 3 children's progress and development of water confidence. We can see there has been huge benefit to a consistent swimming period. However, the swimming instructors have suggested that perhaps for some children, year 3 is too young to physically master the end of KS2 requirement to swim 25 meters.

Therefore for the next academic year, we will be trialling a new approach. Our year 5 children will swim for the first half of the year (until February half term) to ensure the milestone is met by as many children as possible. Year 3 will then swim from the week commencing 24th February to develop the key aspect of water confidence and basic skills.

We will continue to swim at Hoo swimming pool. Raven class children will swim on a Tuesday and Jackdaw class will swim on a Thursday. We will be in touch nearer to term 4 about the year 3 swimming days.

Swimming will commence for year 5 during the second week of term 1 (w/c 9th September 2024). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

We will put a donation request of £1 per week per swimming lesson onto each pupil's Eduspot account. Although this is a voluntary donation we would appreciate parents contributing towards the costs which include swimming pool hire, the swimming teachers charge and transport costs. Thank you for any support you are able to give.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs V Baldwin
Headteacher