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Dear Parents and carers,

YEAR 3 & 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

We are pleased to inform you that your child will be having a course of swimming lessons at Waendel Leisure Centre pool starting on **Tuesday 9th January for 10 weeks, ending 20th March.**

Our pool time is on Tuesdays from **9.30 – 11.30am** which we divide into four parallel classes of half an hour each after an initial swim assessment session. The coach costs, admission charges and tuition fees are at no extra charge as swimming is part of the national curriculum. The children are taught in 3 ability groups, ranging from non-swimmers in the shallow end to improving and advanced skills in the deep end. As well as class teachers, Waendel will also provide two qualified swimming instructors during these lessons.

We ask for your co-operation, for health and safety reasons, as determined by the School Swimming Service regarding the following:

- Please send a letter or telephone the school if your child is unable to swim for medical reasons
- **No goggles** are permitted unless prescribed by a medical professional
- No money, valuables or food may be taken to the pool
- No watches or jewellery, including earrings, may be worn on swimming day
- Swimming hats must be worn; they are colour coordinated according to ability. The children will be put into ability groups during the first lesson and told which colour hat they need.
- Girls – 1 piece swimsuit, Boys – swim shorts/ trunks, **not baggy shorts**
- No toiletries are permitted (i.e. shower gel, talcum powder, shampoo)

Your child will need to bring a swimming costume, their swimming hats from week 2 and a towel in a suitable bag to school each Tuesday for the duration of their course. Please do not allow your child to wear their swimming costumes under their uniform to school. If your child forgets their kit they should inform the School Office staff who will try to contact you. If your child wears the incorrect swimwear, it is the swimming teacher's discretion to refuse them access to the lesson.

Please note that during the first lesson, the children will be assessed by the swimming teachers and put into a colour group. The children will need a swimming hat of that colour which will be available from your child's class teacher at the cost of £1. Please send £1 in a named envelope into school on Tuesday 9th January so we can distribute hats in time for the following week's lesson.

At home, after each swimming lesson please can you ensure the inside of the swimming hat is sprinkled with talcum powder, as this prevents the rubber from perishing and consequently splitting.

Swimming is important as a lifelong leisure activity – it is the best exercise for stamina, strength and suppleness and it can be a lifesaving skill. For all these reasons we hope that your child enjoys the course. If you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Lawton, Suzanne Turvey, Leanne Warren, Jamie Stockham and Richard England

Year 3/4 Team