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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware swimming sessions begin this week for all children from Year 2 upwards. As one of the very few primary schools with a pool, we believe this is a fantastic opportunity for the children.

Swimming does carry risk and our risk assessment systems ensure that children can swim safely, as long as they respond consistently to any verbal instructions given. For children with particular additional needs, a teaching assistant will support the child in the water where necessary.

Where a child is regularly being given behaviour cards, having detentions or is on report, for not listening and not doing as he/she is being asked, we have to consider whether it is safe for that child to swim. If we believe the child is not safe to swim in this instance, we will contact you to let you know, explaining the reasons for the decision. The decision may be made that the child misses one session only, or misses swimming for a longer period of time. Decisions for children to miss out on swimming are not taken lightly but are taken as a consequence of poor behaviour choices which could result in the child not being safe.

Swimming is an amazing experience for children and can really enhance concentration and well-being. I hope that no children will have this privilege withdrawn, however wanted you to be aware that this could happen in the circumstances described above. We will, of course, continue to communicate any concerns regarding your child's behaviour choices with you, in order that we can work together to give your children the best opportunities to learn, both in and out of the classroom.

For children in reception and Year 1, we will again be offering a parent/carer and child swimming club after school this half term. More information will be sent out very soon.

Thank you for your continued support

Regards

J Cook
Headteacher

