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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Swimming

Swimming will commence again after the Easter holidays. Please find below a list of the day your child will be swimming. **Please remember to send the children in with their swimming kits each week.**

Each class will swim on the following days:

Class	Swimming Day
Swallows	Tuesday
Finches	Tuesday
Robins	Wednesday
Merlins	Tuesday
Martins	Wednesday
Falcons	Wednesday
Kestrels	Wednesday
Harriers	Monday
Eagles	Monday
Kites	Monday
Ospreys	Tuesday

For their Swimming lesson they will need:

Boys	Girls
Towel	Towel
Swimming shorts or trunks (appropriate length)	Swimming costume (one piece)
Swimming goggles and hat (optional)	Swimming goggles and hat (optional)

Please may I request that girls, where possible, refrain from wearing tights on their swimming days as they struggle to put these on after their swimming lesson, particularly the younger girls.

We have kept the voluntary donation for swimming to £1.20 per week which, if everyone made, would cover the significant expense of maintenance and upkeep of the pool. You are probably aware that other schools have to take children by coach for swimming lessons, therefore increasing the cost and reducing the amount of time they are learning in school. We feel that our swimming lessons represent good value for money as the children are given expert small group tuition by Mr Toothill who is a fully qualified ASA 2 swimming coach. A similar lesson with the same group size of children would cost £4.90 per lesson at Yarborough Leisure Centre, Lincoln.

Unfortunately, the voluntary donations we receive for swimming are nowhere near the costs to run the pool, as many parents are either unable to, choose not to or forget to make the donation. With the financial climate the school operates in at present, if this was to be the case we would have to significantly reduce the number of swimming lessons children have (currently 18 per year) or restrict swimming to the upper year groups.

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Please could we ask that you make the donation for swimming and if you cannot do so you please let us know using the form below to allow us to financially plan. Many thanks for your help with this.

We would also be grateful for some parent volunteer helpers with our swimming lessons, in particular for the Reception/Early Years classes. So if you are able to help with any of the lessons, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please complete the slip below and return to the school office along with payment **in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked**; this will help to ensure that money does not go astray.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit (swimming shorts/trunks for boys and costumes for girls) in school with them each week on their swimming day. **Please note that for health & safety reasons, all earrings must be removed for swimming.** If your child is unable to remove his/her own earrings, please ensure they are removed before coming to school that day. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith  
Head teacher

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#### **SWIMMING REPLY SLIP**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in swimming lessons.

- I will pay £1.20 per week
- I am unable to make a donation
- I am able to help with my child's swimming lesson

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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