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Dear Parents

Swimming Lessons

We are, once again, planning on providing swimming lessons to ALL children in KS2 on a rolling basis over the course of the next academic year.

However, as we are sure parents will be aware, the cost of swimming lessons is quite extensive and, as such, the school have had to undertake a 'costing' exercise. As can be noted from a recent Friday News, the cost of a private swimming lesson can be around £4.50 per child per 30 minute session. Fortunately, the Friends of Settle Pool have continued to support the school's swimming provision over the previous academic year meaning the cost per lesson per child is ultimately subsidised to the school.

However, due to further budgetary cutbacks in education, and a tighter than ever school budget consideration has had to be made as to whether it would be financially more viable to reduce the number of lessons provided to children?

By way of information, the expenditure involved in the provision of swimming lessons can be broken-down, as follows (cost based on 2017 invoices):-

Price of Transport per lesson :	£95.00	(divided by an average of 24 children) = £3.95 each
Cost of Swimming Lesson (60 mins per week)	£9.00*	(multiplied by average of 24 children) = £216.00 per week

*based on cost of private lesson

From the above costings, this means that, potentially, the cost per child, per week for a swimming lesson is : £12.95

Historically, the school have asked parents to make a voluntary contribution of £25.00 per child for TEN swimming lessons, meaning that the cost per week, per child has been heavily subsidised and, therefore, reduced to £2.50 per child, per week, per lesson; unfortunately there are still a number of parents who have not made any financial contribution towards the cost of this provision.

In order for the financial impact of swimming lessons on the school budget to be reduced, it has now become necessary to ascertain if parents of children in Key Stage 2 would prefer to make a contribution of £25.00 towards the cost of SIX lessons, or a contribution of £35.00 towards TEN lessons.

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As we are sure everyone is aware, swimming lessons are an important part of a child's curriculum. Not only is the ability to swim a life-saving skill but swimming also encourages a healthy life-style and is an excellent all round exercise.

It would be very much appreciated, if parents could indicate on the below reply slip what contribution they are happy to make towards the cost of future swimming lessons? Can all responses please be returned to the School Office by no later than **Friday 20th April 2018**.

Thanking everyone in anticipation for their continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

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Key Stage 2 Swimming Provision : Academic Year -2018/2019

I CONFIRM that I AM HAPPY to make a contribution of
£25.00 towards SIX swimming lessons (£4.16 per lesson plus transport)

I CONFIRM that I AM HAPPY to make a contribution of
Approximately £35.00 towards the cost of TEN swimming lessons
(£3.50 per lesson plus transport)

I AM NOT WILLING to make any contribution towards the cost of swimming
lessons.

Name of Child : _____

Signed : _____ (parent/carer)

Dated : _____ 2018

