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Dear Parent/Carer

Important Update: School Swimming Programme

Last week our Governing Body met for their annual budget meeting. As you probably very much aware from the news, teacher strikes and social forums, school budgets are very much under pressure and schools are having to make difficult decisions – some of which you may not be aware of or see the impact of.

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding our school's swimming programme. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we regret to inform you that there is not enough funding available to continue the swimming programme in its existing format next academic year. Children currently having school swimming lessons will continue with these until the end of this term unless they reach the National Curriculum level before then.

We understand the value and importance of swimming as a life skill and part of a well-rounded education. As well as this, swimming is part of the National Curriculum and we have always had excellent pass rates at our school.

We have already begun to active seek alternative solutions to reinstate the swimming programme in the future so that all children continue to leave our school having passed the National Curriculum, although the arrangements will probably look very different to how they do currently.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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