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Year 4 - Swimming lessons at the Brentwood Centre

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Dear Parents / Carers

Swimming sessions will commence for Year 4 children in the Spring Term (12 week course) and will be split into the following two sessions – **Monday and Thursday mornings:**

Start date Monday 8th January	Class 4T (Miss Tregunno)	11.00 am to 11.30 am
Start date Thursday 11th January	Class 4LC (Mrs Chalkley)	09.30 am to 10.00 am

Swimming is a compulsory part of the school PE curriculum which all children are expected to participate in. Being able to swim is a valuable skill for life and also an enjoyable experience.

If your child is unable to participate for medical reasons then please provide a doctor's letter stating the reason. If they are unwell, due to a bad cold or similar, and need to miss a week, then please send them to school at the normal time with a note. Children not swimming will work in another class during this time.

We are asking for a contribution of **£33** for 11 weeks towards the cost of the swimming lessons. This represents good value for money. Unfortunately we cannot give refunds if your child misses a session as the pool and instructors are booked and paid for in advance. Final sessions will be **Monday 25th March (4T) and Thursday 28th March (4LC).**

Arrangements for the Sessions

As in previous lessons, the children will need to be 'beach ready' for the swimming pool. Please send your child into school in the morning, wearing their swimwear underneath their school uniforms.

Swimwear girls: Two piece swimwear acceptable but must be cropped top style (not skimpy bikini)
Swimwear boys: Trunks/shorts fitted – not baggy

Please make sure that your child has underwear packed in their swimming bag ready to change back into after the swimming lesson.

All children need to wear a swimming hat. These are available for purchase in advance from the school. These can be paid for via ParentPay at a cost of £3.50 each. If you have purchased a hat for your child, these will be provided to your child in advance of the first lesson.

The class teacher and two learning support assistants (LSAs) will walk the children to and from the Brentwood Centre. Unfortunately, you will not be able to watch your child swim from the viewing area.

Please pay for this provision via our online payment system, ParentPay as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty in paying for this provision, please make an appointment to speak to me via the school office. Please remember to tick the consent box on ParentPay.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

