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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Oak Class Swimming Lessons – 3rd November to 15th December**

We are delighted to have booked another set of swimming lessons for Oak Class next term at Bicester Leisure Center. The children will be transported by coach with Bletchingdon Primary School and lessons will run from Friday 3rd November to Friday 15th December 2023. Due to the continuing rise in the cost of transport and pressures on the school budget we would like to request a voluntary contribution of £10 towards some of the coach costs.

This is part of the P.E. National Curriculum and therefore the children are expected to attend every week unless you contact us. Please could we ask you to follow these rules:

1. **All children must wear a swimming hat.**
2. **Earrings should not be worn**
3. **Goggles can only be worn if form overleaf is signed and returned**

All children will therefore need to remember each Friday to bring in a towel, costume and swimming hat in a bag.

**Goggles**

Whilst they are not considered to be essential, we recognise that children who swim frequently or whose eyes are susceptible to irritation may prefer to use goggles for swimming. They may help maintain the required body position and improve vision through the water. Therefore, parents may request that their child uses goggles during the lessons by filling in the form below.

I should inform you that it is your responsibility, as parent, to teach your child to put on and take off goggles in the correct and safe fashion. Our advice would be to read the manufacturer's instructions for putting them on and taking them off. This is important to ensure protection of eyes from impact damage through stretching the eyepieces away from the face with wet fingers.

Please ensure googles are of a good quality. Goggles should be British Standard Institution (BSI) Goggles which includes makes such as Speedo or Zoggs, which will include instructions on the package for the correct way to put them on and take them off. You should be aware that on occasions your child will be asked to remove their googles in order to safely perform certain aquatic activities.

If you would like your child to wear goggles during swimming lessons in school, please complete the form below. No googles may be work without the signed form.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Please return the reply slip attached, indicating your child's current swimming ability by Wednesday 1st November.**

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Clark*

Fiona Clark
Oak Class Teacher

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**Reply Slip – Oak Class Swimming – 3rd November to 15th December**

(Please return to the school office by Wednesday 1st November)

☐ I give permission for ……(name) to travel by coach to undertake swimming lessons at Bicester Leisure Center.

☐ I have made a voluntary contribution via ParentPay of £10 towards the cost of the coach.

My child's swimming ability is:

| Non-swimmer | Beginning to swim | Can swim a width | Can swim between a width & length | Can swim a length or more |
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☐ I would like to request that my child wears goggles during their swimming lessons at school. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the goggles are in good condition and that my child knows how to take them on and off safely. I also recognise that there will be occasions when they may be asked to remove their goggles.

Signed by parent/guardian: …….

Name of parent/guardian: …….

Date: …….