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Dear Parents and Carers

Relaunch Saltford Swimming

At Saltford we are very fortunate to have a swimming pool on site and we are delighted that we have been able to secure funding for repairs following significant storm damage. We are now making plans for re-opening our swimming pool.

The maintenance, running costs and swimming teacher's wages are understandably expensive, and with the current educational funding crisis we do need your support to relaunch swimming at Saltford School for all pupils.

In evaluating the other available options, previously the school has carried out research into the possibility of taking our children to a local leisure centre for swimming and concluded that it would not be viable. It would mean that we could only offer swimming to one year group and for only six weeks during the year. Please read further information detailing the background to the swimming pool and why this is, under the office section of our school website:

https://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#swimming

We would usually contact you before swimming lessons start asking for a contribution towards swimming for the academic year – however, of course, we were unable to open the pool in Term One. Years 1-6 swim during Terms one, five and six. Reception children swim during Terms five and six.

If we are to relaunch so that all children at Saltford School access swimming lessons, we will respectfully be asking parents for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the lessons. The suggested contribution is £3 per lesson per pupil. However, if you feel that you are able to contribute more, we would be very grateful for any donations – anything donated would go towards the swimming lessons. More information will follow on this once we have a definite start date for lessons.

We will also require parental support to help with preparing the children for their lessons. If this is something you may be able to help with, please come to the office to pick up a DBS application pack and for more information. Volunteers will need to come into school at least every 3-months to keep their DBS up to date. The volunteer sign-up system will be utilised once session dates are finalised.

We have yet to receive a firm date for the opening of the pool. Under the uniform section of the website we have details of the swimming kit required – we will write to you in more detail with regards to this once we have an indication of an opening date.

A starting point is an indication of the swimming ability for your child. Please complete the relevant form for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 using the appropriate link:- EYFS/KS1 or KS2 We, and the children, thank you in advance for your contribution to relaunch Saltford swimming.

Yours sincerely

D. E. Sage

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