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Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have secured a block 5 X 1 hour slots of **swimming lessons** for all children in Year 4 in the Autumn term of Year 5. These will take place at New Addington Leisure Centre. The lessons will run on the following dates: 18th – 22nd September for 1 class and 25th – 29th September for the other class. At this stage, it has not been decided who will have which slot; this will be decided by the Year 5 teachers.

You will note that this is an intensive 5 day course of one hour a day sessions as recommended by the National Swimming Association. The pool will be entirely ours whilst we are there, as will the changing rooms; no members of the public or other schools will be in there at the same time as us. The pool will be undertaking all the required precautions and cleaning as per the government guidelines.

A coach will take the children to and from the swimming pool. The coach will leave the school at 1:30 p.m. each day and aim to return at 3:30 p.m. each day, depending of course on the traffic.

We want the children to eat promptly at 12.30 p.m. and as such, during the 5 days that your child is swimming, it would be useful if you could provide them with a substantial packed lunch and a filled water bottle. This will leave plenty of time for food to be digested before we swim. Clearly, there is an expectation that all children in KS2 will be given this opportunity. New Addington trained swimming instructors will be running the swimming lessons and the children will be grouped accordingly.

Every day that your child is swimming they will need to bring a dry towel and a swimming costume or trunks – boys must not wear the ‘long baggy shorts’ type. As all earrings must be removed before leaving school for the swimming pool, we are asking children not to wear earrings for the entire week they are swimming; this saves any issues with removal or earrings getting lost.

Long hair must be tied back it and it would be advisable to wear a swimming cap if a child does have long hair. In the past girls have found a highly absorbent travel towel to be very useful to dry their hair plus a hairbrush.

As swimming is part of the national curriculum, the school meets the cost of the tuition, this year that cost is £1,600. However, the cost of transporting the children to and from the pool is also



significant: £2,500 for the 10 sessions. We are asking for a contribution to these costs of £41.00 per child – that is £8.20 per child per day for the 5 days they will swim.

Contributions can be made online via Arbor/Trips from 31st August, the start of the new academic year, and will need to be made in advance of the sessions. Unfortunately, if we do not cover the cost of the coach the children will not be able to go swimming.

If there are any problems or concerns regarding the swimming lessons, please let us know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. V. Gallagher

Mrs. C. Taylor

YEAR 4 SWIMMING – Autumn 2023

NEW ADDINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Name of Child: _____

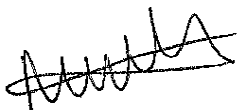
Class: _____

- I give permission for my child to attend swimming lessons this term
 I have made a voluntary contribution via the school's online payment system

Signature: _____

Emergency contact numbers: _____

Yours sincerely,



Miss Rebecca Williams
Headteacher