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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Year 5 Swimming in January 2022

Your son/daughter will have the opportunity to swim at Rose Hill School pool for ten weekly sessions during terms 3 and 4. These sessions commence Tuesday 11th January 2022, and continue until, and including, Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

We are incredibly fortunate to have been offered the use of the pool at Rose Hill School again for this year, and this means that without the need for an independent swimming coach each week, school is able to cover the minimal costs involved. Therefore, parents are not being asked for a voluntary contribution for swimming this academic year.

Please ensure that your child has suitable swimwear – one-piece costume for girls, close fitting trunks for boys, and a swimming hat. Please note pupils will not be allowed to swim if they do not have a swimming hat. Long hair should be tied-up and earrings removed, any veruccas should be treated.

The Department for Education give clear guidance about swimming including the following:-

'Swimming is a compulsory part of the current National Curriculum for PE. Within the law, parents do not have a right to withdraw their children from this statutory element of the National Curriculum.' DfE website

We look forward to enhancing the skills of our year 5 swimmers. Please email the school office with details of any badges, or swimming experience the school would find useful. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Owen'.

Mrs Owen
Headteacher