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Dear Parent/Carer of #name

### **Y5 WEEKLY SWIMMING LESSONS - beginning Friday 10th January 2024**

We are pleased to inform you that all Year 5 children will have weekly swimming lessons every Friday, starting on Friday 10th January, at Royal Russell School for the rest of the academic year. We hope that by providing these sessions for your child, they will be swimming independently by the time they finish primary school, a life skill that may promote a lifelong love of swimming and could even save their life one day.

The children will travel by bus and tram to the Royal Russell swimming pool accompanied by their class teacher and a learning support assistant. Your child will need to bring a **towel** and **swimming trunks/one-piece costume** each week, and will need to wear a **swimming cap** if they have long hair. Children can also wear **goggles** if they so wish. Earrings must be removed by your child and children are not to swim with open wounds or if wearing plasters.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and every child must take part in lessons unless there is a medical reason. A note of explanation to your child's teacher would be appreciated if your child is unwell and unable to participate in a class. We would require a doctor's letter if your child's illness persists and they miss more than two swimming lessons in a row.

Also, if your child has been absent due to illness that week, they will not be able to go swimming on a Friday.

Due to the timing of the swimming lesson (11:30-12pm) and when the children will return back to school, it will be necessary for them to have a packed lunch meal each Friday, which will be provided by the school.

If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Dennis  
Head of School

