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Swimming Lessons – Weeks beginning 22nd and 29th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, in recent years we have opted for a portable swimming pool on the school site as a means of delivering swimming lessons, to pupils in **Year 4**.

The team who organise and teach swimming in the pool are the same team that we would 'employ' and pay separately in addition to the small lifeguard team supplied by Harris Ockendon when we use their pool, i.e. fully qualified instructors and lifeguards.

Because we have full access to the pool for two weeks we are able to provide intense, small group swimming lessons that, for the majority of children, will take them from non-swimmers to children who can swim up to 25m. **Every Year 4 child** will have a 30 minute lesson, with 9 other children every day to ensure that they quickly build on the swimming skills they are developing.

There is of course a cost associated with these swimming lessons, as there always is for schools. However, we have been able to fund a large subsidy and as a result are only asking parents for a contribution of £30 in total for the intense swimming course we are providing; 10 X 30 minute small group lessons which equates to a very reasonable £3 per lesson. As with all paid activities, we are happy to discuss any difficulties you may have or put an instalment plan in place if you need one, please contact the school office on admin@shawprimary.thurrock.sch.uk or 01708852367 and ask to speak with a member of the leadership team about swimming lessons.

Please be aware that school swimming is a **statutory part of the National Curriculum** and as such parents cannot opt out if their child is in the year group taught as part of the school's P.E. timetable.

We are asking parents to pay for swimming via their 'School Money' account, which is the same account used for Breakfast club and school meals; swimming payments will go live later today.

Regards
Ms Kimpton
Headteacher