



Saltford
CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Keep Saltford Swimming

At Saltford we are lucky to have a swimming pool on site. However, the maintenance, running costs and swimming teacher's wages are understandably expensive and with the current educational funding challenges we have always needed your support to continue to fund the upkeep of the pool. Last year the pool running costs amounted to approximately £7,000 (details about the running costs can be found on the swimming section of the school website [here](#)). We will be contacting you in Term Five with regards to any voluntary contributions you might make and how you can make these.

We have placed a planning application ([20/00674/FUL](#)) which is now live on the B&NES planning portal to improve our facilities by adding a small changing pod. This would improve the area down the side of the pool by replacing an old shed and swimming pool plant room.

Our current changing rooms are inside the pool. This has a single fibreglass skin with little or no thermal insulation and very little sound insulation. Our plan is that the new changing pod would be properly insulated – this will also reduce any noise and ensure the lessons in the swimming pool are not disturbed.

The pod will also contain much needed toilet facilities for the children, staff and parent volunteers supporting the lessons – we currently have no toilet in this area. It would also incorporate some showers which we would use for the swimming teachers and any children whose medical conditions (for example a skin condition) would benefit them showering following their lesson.

We very much hope you will support the enhancement of these facilities by placing a comment on the planning portal. The pool was built by funding raised by the PTA when the school first opened in the 1960s following a fatality in the river in the village and many generations of children have learnt to swim in it.

We and the children thank you in advance for your contribution to Keep Saltford Swimming.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Sage
Headteacher