Dear Parents and Carers

Keep Saltford Swimming

At Saltford we are lucky to have a swimming pool on site and we are delighted that we have been able to reopen our swimming pool safely this term.

The maintenance, running costs and swimming teachers’ wages are understandably expensive and with the current educational funding crisis we do need your support to continue to fund the upkeep of the pool. Previously 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).

In evaluating the other available options, the school has carried out research into the possibility of taking our children to a local leisure centre for swimming and concluded that it would not be viable. It would mean that we could only offer swimming to one year group and for only six weeks during the year. Please read further information detailing why this is here.

We would usually contact you during Term One asking for a contribution towards swimming for the academic year – however of course we were unable to open the pool. If we are to keep all children at Saltford School swimming we respectfully ask parents for a voluntary contribution to cover the lessons for this term. The suggested contribution is £6 per pupil (£1 per lesson for the 6 weeks). However, if you feel that you are able to contribute more, we would be very grateful for any donations – anything donated would go towards the upkeep of the pool.

Swimming started on the week of Monday 7th June. Please click here to view the swimming timetable for the Summer Term. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit (as detailed on our uniform presentation) on their class swimming day – there is limited capacity for staff to make telephone calls home for forgotten kit.

We have not reached the decision to make this request lightly as we understand that not every family will be able to make a contribution. Please donate online via the School Gateway. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or by clicking this link: https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login

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

Yours sincerely

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