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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that this year we are re-introducing swimming lessons for the children in Classes 1 and 2. It is a requirement of the National Curriculum that the school provides swimming lessons with a focus on learning to swim and water safety. The lessons will take place on Friday mornings at the St Nicholas school pool in Alcester. Each term a different year group will have the lessons starting with Year 2 in the autumn term; in the spring term Year 1 and in the summer term Class 1.

The dates for the Year 2 swimming sessions are as follows:

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| Friday 22/9 | Friday 17/11 |
| Friday 29/9 | Friday 24/11 |
| Friday 13/10 | Friday 1/12 |
| Friday 3/11 | Friday 8/12 |
| Friday 10/11 | Friday 15/12 |

We want to make changing as easy as possible for the children. So each Friday we would like the children to come to school wearing their swimming trunks / swimming costume under their clothes. We would suggest that girls wearing one piece swim suits do not put their arms 'in' the costume to make going to the bathroom easier. We would like all children to come to school wearing their school T-shirts and sweatshirts/ cardigans with plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings. The children will need a **named** bag with a **named** towel and **named** underwear to put on after the lesson; it would be helpful if swimming trunks/ costumes were also named. Children will stay in their tracksuit trousers/ leggings all day. Children with long hair should have their hair tied back securely.

We have arranged for a bus to transport the children to and from the pool and will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per week to cover the cost of transport. There is no obligation for you to pay, but if we do not receive contributions from the majority of the class, we will be unable to provide the sessions. Please speak to Mrs Hendry or Miss Britt, in confidence, if paying will cause a problem for you. Payment may be made by cash, cheque (payable to Temple Grafton School) or via School Money. We are happy for payments to be made either in weekly/ half termly instalments or for the termly amount to be paid in full. A notification will be sent to you from School Money as soon as the payment is available. The school and the PTA will be covering the cost of the pool hire.

**If you, your child or any member of your family have difficulty in accessing the school and/or the school's facilities and services,

please contact the School Office for assistance.**

Mrs Hood and Mrs Uttley will be accompanying the children and we would be very grateful to have one or two volunteers each week to help with changing the children. All volunteers will need to have the DBS check. Miss Britt will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers so if you are able to offer help on a regular basis or just for one or two weeks over the term we would really appreciate your support. Please contact Miss Britt to let her know if and when you are able to help. Volunteers are welcome to travel on the coach or to meet the children in Alcester.

It would be very helpful if you could provide us with an indication of your child's current water confidence levels and their level of swimming ability. Please complete the attached reply slip and return to school by Monday 18th September at the latest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Hendry