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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured swimming lessons with qualified swimming instructors for our Lions class in Autumn term 2025. Following the success of the children's lessons last autumn term, this will be a great opportunity for them to continue to develop their swimming skills, and work towards further water confidence and the ability to swim up to 25 metres.

The lessons have been booked again with Sholfins Swim School and will take place at the swimming pool at Woodrow First School on Thursday afternoons. Just like last year, the children will have 10 weekly sessions, starting on 11th September and ending on 20th November. Each child will have 10 half hour sessions as a group of 15 children with two fully qualified instructors in the water, a ratio of 7/8:1.

The aim is to provide every child the opportunity to learn such an important life skill at the highest level of instruction, and enable them to meet the national curriculum standard of each pupil being able to –

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

As swimming is part of the school's Physical Education curriculum, swimming will be one of the Lions' PE lessons each week for the 10 week block. It is school policy that the children attend swimming lessons with their class. The lessons incorporate fun and engaging activities whilst teaching water safety and encouraging confidence in the water.

The majority of the cost for swimming lessons is funded by the school. In addition to this, we ask for a £16.07 voluntary contribution from parents/carers in order to cover the remainder of the cost of the lessons, and half of the transport costs. Each lesson works out at £1.60 per pupil per session, which I'm sure you will agree is very good value for money based on the fact that the children will be taught by qualified swim instructors. If you are eligible for pupil premium grant funding, the cost for the 10 weeks of swimming will be £8.05.

All children in Lions will be included in these lessons; they will need to bring a small plastic bag/rucksack containing:

- Swimming kit – one piece, plain swimming costume for girls and swimming trunks/shorts for boys (preferably blue or black in colour)
- Towel
- Hairbrush
- Hair band for long hair – long hair must be tied up before entering the swimming pool

The children do not need to bring goggles, as these are provided by Sholfins. Please also note that the children can not swim with earrings in. All earrings must be removed at home before each swimming lesson, or alternatively, your child will be asked to remove them in school and they will be kept safe until they return from their lesson.

If you have any questions about swimming lessons, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Kind Regards



Mrs S Baker
Headteacher

Please complete this slip and return to school as soon as possible:

I give permission for my child..... to attend swimming lessons.

Signed.....

