



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Swimming Lessons in Years 3 and 4

As you are no doubt aware, budgets in schools at the moment are incredibly tight and we are continually looking at our incomings and outgoings. The biggest expenditure for children in Years 3 and 4 is the cost of going swimming every week, for two whole years. Although it is something that we are very proud to be able to offer, it is looking increasingly likely that this will not be able to go ahead, in its current format, from September, and we are therefore looking at a range of possibilities.

We would never ask for parents to contribute towards the price of the lessons themselves as this is part of the National Curriculum and one that we, as a school, think is incredibly important – particularly as the river is so prominent in Bewdley. However, the coaches are currently costing the school around £15,000 a year which, no doubt you'll agree, is a significant amount of money. This works out around £3.50 a week, per child.

We are aware that everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment, particularly at this time of year, however, we are now asking parents to contribute towards the cost of the swimming coaches, **if they are able to do so**.

We will add the amount to ParentPay every half term with the option to pay a variable amount. This means that parents and carers have the option to pay the full amount or a contribution. Based on the response to this, over the spring and summer terms, we will then be able to re-evaluate how often the children have swimming lessons in the next academic year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office by emailing office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk or calling 01299 403 796.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Kind regards,

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