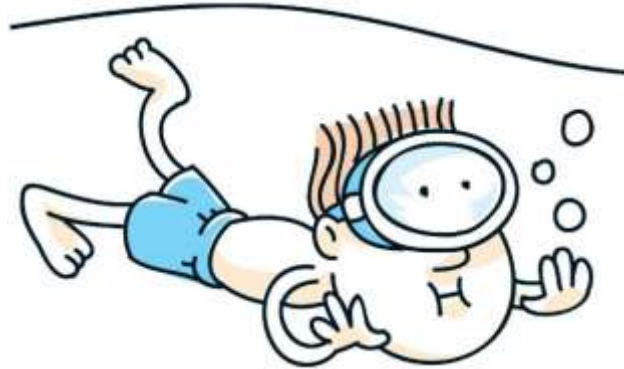


29<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that last summer we were unable to offer children swimming at our school pool. This was because Leicester City Council was reviewing their Health and Safety Policies following a serious incident at another school in the city.

These policies have now changed and safety requirements have been substantially increased. We now require additional lifeguards as well as a number of extra staff present. Unfortunately making it safer in this way also increases the cost – almost doubling it.

In addition to this, the Governors recognise that the health and safety requirements are over and above those that are normally expected of school staff.

Even with a substantial subsidy from the school, the cost of swimming in our own pool has reached an unsustainable level. Added to this, the pool itself is expensive to run, costing around £10,000 annually in ongoing maintenance costs.

As a result, the Governors have reached the decision to stop swimming in the school pool. We know this is sad news to many children and parents. The pool should be a wonderful resource, but unfortunately the cost and responsibilities are just too great for the school to bear.

Swimming remains an important part of our curriculum. It will resume in Summer 2017 when we will take the children by coach to a local pool. We hope this will continue to provide the excellent standard in swimming that we have always offered, and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

*Mr T Smith*

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