

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/ and Carers

### Swimming Summer Term 2024

As you are aware, we are very lucky to have a swimming pool on site avoiding the inconvenience and cost of pupils travelling to a local pool. This is a wonderful benefit to the children. We are very pleased to be able to employ fully qualified swimming instructors, and again this year we will use our Sports Funding to offset some of the salary and training expenses but, unfortunately, we are not able to cover the entire cost with this grant. The running costs of the swimming pool still have to be found, as well as the purchase of the chemicals and the cost of the heating and the water (which will undoubtedly be high this year). Unfortunately, we **do not** receive any additional Government money to support this. We rely on parental contributions and your appreciation of the fantastic benefit it is to be taught to swim during school time. We have sourced the best deals to keep these costs to the absolute minimum and I am pleased to say that we have managed to keep our request for contributions at just £26.00 per child. This covers the whole swimming season from early May until the end of the school year in July.

We aim to buy the chemicals in bulk, thus gaining a discount and reducing admin and delivery costs. In order for us to place our order in this way, we would be grateful for contributions asap if you are able to or by the **26<sup>th</sup> April**. We are, however, aware that this may be a difficult amount to find for some families and it may be easier to send money into school by instalments. Please contact the school office to discuss this and indicate it on the slip below. We will then arrange for a payment card for you so that contributions can be recorded or just pay a little at a time on the online payment system. **We ask that payments are made online please where possible.** As always, I am very happy to talk with any parents who are experiencing extreme financial hardship, please indicate it on the slip attached and I will arrange a time to chat to you about support. **If you are able to make the full contribution straight away, then that would help us enormously, as we would then be able to place the order for chemicals immediately and perhaps get an even better deal!**

**Please be aware however, that should we not receive sufficient contributions by the end of April then we may have to review the arrangements for swimming and cancel some of the sessions or restrict the year groups that it is offered to.** There is no legal requirement on how often the children swim in school, only that they swim 25 metres by the end of Key Stage Two. Our swimming is seen as an all-round bonus for our children supporting health and fitness and mental health and wellbeing.

More information will follow soon regarding swimming timetables and the arrangements.

Thank you so much for your support.

Alison Fox  
Headteacher

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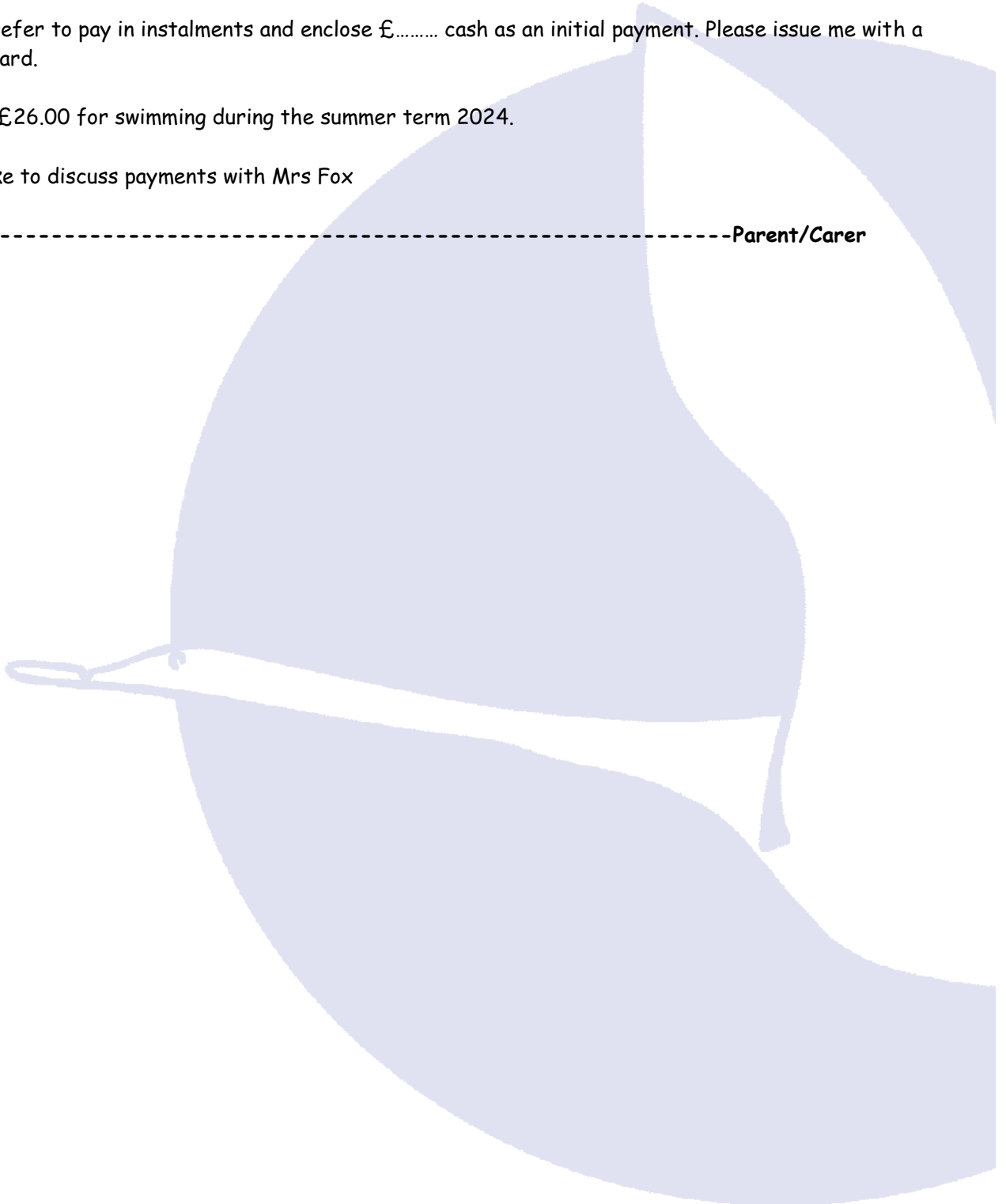
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- ☐ I have made a payment of £26.00 through the online system.
- ☐ I would prefer to pay in instalments and enclose £..... cash as an initial payment. Please issue me with a payment card.
- ☐ I enclose £26.00 for swimming during the summer term 2024.
- ☐ I would like to discuss payments with Mrs Fox

Signed: -----Parent/Carer



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