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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the PE curriculum pupils are required to have swimming lessons at school to enable them to learn to swim in a safe environment. The National Curriculum states that:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m*
- *use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]*
- *perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations*

To ensure our pupils are able to successfully achieve this, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils will take part in swimming lessons between now and the end of the summer.

Year 6 pupils will be the first year group to swim and will be transported in the Federation's minibus, to take part in mandatory swimming/water safety lessons at Victory Leisure Centre in North Walsham. Children will need their full swimming kit (trunks/costume, towel and hat-recommended). Lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon, starting on Thursday 26th February.

If your child is in Year 6 please complete this form to give your permission for transporting your child to swimming by minibus.

Kind regards,

Robbie Houghton, Head of School