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Dear Parents/Carers

Swimming Lessons Spring Term – commencing Tuesday 8th January 2019

The pupils at The Hills are fortunate in being offered weekly swimming lessons in **Years 2, 3 & 4** as part of the curriculum. Lessons are currently held at the Trinity College Pool and the children are taken to and from the pool by bus. Instruction is given by fully qualified Level 1 & 2 swimming teachers who work with groups of approximately 12 children. Lessons take place every **Tuesday** morning commencing 8th January 2019. **Please ensure that your child brings swimming kit every Tuesday. No long shorts or earrings to be worn and both girls and boys need to wear a swimming hat. If you do not want your child to swim due to illness, please send a letter in to the class teacher or email in to the school office, if we do not receive a letter or email we will provide spare swimming kit and your child will swim. If your child has a verruca please could you send your child in with a swim sock or a spare normal sock.**

Swimming is a compulsory part of our school curriculum and all children are expected to participate unless there are exceptional medical circumstances (or short term issues such as a plastercast). If your child is too unwell to go swimming, outside of these exceptions, then he or she is not well enough to be in school. Medical exceptions should be put in writing to the school office and if we do not receive a letter or email we will provide spare swimming kit and your child will swim.

We do ask parents to contribute to the cost of the lessons, but inability to pay the full amount does not prevent children from participating. This term we are asking for a contribution of £ 2.10 per lesson for 12 weeks, £25.20.

We also ask if any parents are available to help on a rota basis. **All helpers will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced criminal record check.** Please come to the school reception for the relevant forms. If you are able to accompany your child's class occasionally, the times that you would be needed are:

Year 2 9.15 – 10.45 Year 3 9.45 – 11.15 Year 4 10.15-11.45

Please pay for the swimming trip on the Parent pay system.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Whitehead