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Dear Parents,

School Swimming

The opportunity for a child to swim with confidence is something that the staff and governors of Moulton Chapel Primary School value highly. For this reason all children have swimming lessons at Spalding Pool during the school year. The cost of a bus to Spalding each week is currently £70.00 per week and in addition to this a £1.00 charge per pupil is made by the Pool.

Historically every child swam every Wednesday morning, travelling to the pool by a combination of bus and staff cars. This became unmanageable as numbers increased and the length of time out of school was taking valuable time away from the study of core subjects. For this reason the decision was taken to have a timetable over the school year for each class to have two blocks of swimming lessons.

We were delighted to be given Sports Funding by the Department for Education in 2013 and our governors took the decision that part of this be used to fund school swimming. This enabled us to stop asking for a weekly parental contribution towards the cost of transporting the children to the pool. Unfortunately we have now been informed that Sports Funding may not be used for school swimming and we must cover the cost from other sources.

For this reason the Governors reviewed swimming at the Summer Term meeting and came to the following decision:

- The school budget will cover the cost of the per pupil pool charge at £1.00 per pupil.
- A voluntary parental contribution of £1.00 per swimming lesson will be requested from parents/guardians to be put towards the cost of transport to Spalding. Families in receipt of Free School Meal Benefit will not be asked to make a contribution.
- **All children in KS2 – years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – will swim every week in Autumn Terms 1 and 2 – from now until Christmas. All Infant children – Reception and years 1 and 2 – will swim every week in Spring Terms 3 and 4 – from January through to Easter.**
- No pupils will swim in Terms 5 and 6.

The Summer arrangements may be subject to change – and at some times of the year we may invite children from local Collaborative Partnership schools to share our swimming time slot at the Pool.

So... from next Wednesday through to when we break up for Christmas all children in Monkey Puzzle and Oak classes will swim every week. Please ensure they bring swimming costume and towel every Wednesday – and we would also be very appreciative of £1.00 per swim contribution towards the transport costs.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.
Yours sincerely,

Miss L Meacher
Headteacher