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21st March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

You may be aware that we are currently working in partnership with Reading Blue Coat School (RBCS) in Sonning, building mutually beneficial links between the schools, and enabling Highwood pupils to take advantage of the outstanding facilities and initiatives that RBCS have to offer. As a result of this partnership, RBCS have offered us free use of their indoor swimming pool, allowing us to provide swimming lessons for Highwood pupils at no charge to parents.

Swimming is a vital life skill and a valuable part of the curriculum, so we are pleased to be able to provide these lessons, with the aim of improving each child's swimming ability. These lessons will complement any swimming lessons that your child may be having now, or has had in the past.

The sessions will take place on a Friday afternoon, running from 26th April to 24th May for Year 5. The Highwood children and staff will be transported to and from Blue Coat in the Blue Coat School minibus. Your child will need to bring the following into school each Friday in a **waterproof** bag, separate to their normal school bag:

- A swimming costume – for girls this must be a one-piece costume NOT a bikini, and for boys speedos or short trunks
- A towel
- Goggles, if required (these must be correctly fitted at home)

There is no need to bring soap, shampoo or hair gel and aerosol deodorants are not allowed. If your child has long hair, this will need to be tied or clipped back, or better still, covered with a swimming cap. No jewellery is to be worn.

The groups will be divided by ability, to ensure that your child gets the maximum enjoyment and benefit from the lesson. Please could you indicate on the reply slip the description that **accurately** describes their swimming ability and return it to the school office by Friday 29th March.

If you have any queries please speak to the office.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matt Hickey
Headteacher

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**Year 5 Swimming Lessons at Reading Blue Coat School
Fridays from 26th April – 24th May 2019 inclusive**

Name of child..... Class.....

Please tick any **one** of the following ability statements. Please ensure that you tick the one that **accurately** describes your child's ability as the children will be split into ability groups to ensure maximum enjoyment and benefit from these sessions.

Is your child a non-swimmer?

Can your child swim 10 metres?

Can your child swim 25 metres?

Please also confirm the following:

Has your child got a fear of water? **YES / NO**

Does your child suffer with asthma? **YES / NO**

Does your child have a skin condition? **YES / NO**

Signed (parent/carer)..... Date.....



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