

May 2018

**The Future of Swimming Provision at Uley School**  
**from September 2019**

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know about the difficulties the school is experiencing regarding the provision of swimming for children at Uley School and to consult you in this matter.

Each academic year, Uley Primary School heavily subsidises the costs involved with swimming due to the large shortage of voluntary contributions impacting on the funds necessary for other educational resources. Unfortunately this situation is not sustainable.

The school acknowledges that this is a voluntary contribution and understands that there are families who find it difficult to make a contribution. If this is the case then please come and speak to me and we can discuss this in confidence. We also understand that many children already receive swimming lessons outside of school and this may effect parent's decision to pay for lessons through school.

At Uley School, we believe in the importance of swimming as a crucial life skill for children to learn before they attend secondary school. Swimming is also an important part of our PE curriculum which is delivered both in Key stage 1 and 2.

The National Curriculum states:

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 25 metres.
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Our current swimming programme at Uley includes children in Year 1 to Year 6 attending a 10-12 week block of swimming sessions throughout year. As we are aware many children at Uley attend swimming lessons as an extra curriculum activity outside of school, and this has been made clearly evident in the assessment results achieved at the end of their swimming block.

We aim for our children to be able to swim further than 25 metres by the time they leave Uley, not only for the positive health benefits but for safety reasons too. Dursley Pool offers qualified instructors which monitor the children's progress using up-to-date technology. Miss Walker, as PE Lead, visits to ensure that a quality service is delivered.

## **Some Options**

As a School we have collated different options of possible changes to help solve the difficulties we are facing as a school and would appreciate any feedback in regards to the options we are considering.

### **Option 1:**

Children attend swimming in KS2 only – Year 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6.

### **Option 2:**

Children attend swimming lessons in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. Any children who cannot swim 25 metres by the end of Year 4 will continue to attend swimming lessons in Years 5 and 6. Children who do not attend the swimming lessons will participate in a PE lesson in School.

### **Option 3:**

Children attend swimming lessons in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. Any children who can already swim 25 metres and use a range of strokes effectively, then parents may make the choice to opt out of swimming lessons. Instead children will participate in PE lessons in school.

### **Option 4:**

Children attend swimming lessons in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. However enough swimming contribution is needed in order for the swimming instructors and transport to be covered, otherwise lessons may be cancelled.

Any feedback will be gratefully received. Please could we receive all feedback back by 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The final decision for swimming will be made in the autumn term 2018. Swimming lessons this year will continue as normal for 2018-2019.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Mandeville

Head Teacher

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**Swimming Lessons at Uley Consultation**

My preference for swimming lessons would be option: \_\_\_\_\_.

Any other comments:

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