



White Meadows Primary Academy

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Dear families,

I am sure that you are aware of the current financial situation that all schools are facing. For the past few years, schools have received greatly reduced budgets and this continues to worsen over time. At White Meadows, school leaders have been increasingly expected to do more for their children with less money. As a result, we have had to make some difficult decisions. One such decision relates to our swimming pool.

As always, we continue to ensure that budget reductions do not impact negatively on the education of the children at White Meadows. Since opening the swimming pool in 2011, every child from the Nursery through to Year 6 have had the opportunity to swim every week, at no cost to parents/carers. However, we are disappointed to inform you that we are not able to continue to meet the cost of running the swimming pool without asking for contributions from parents/carers.

We have done our very best to ensure that voluntary contributions are as low as possible and we are therefore asking parents/carers to contribute £3.50 each half term. When this cost is spread evenly over the academic year, it works out to be under 50p per swimming lesson. I'm sure you will agree that this is extremely low when compared to other schools with swimming pools. As the cost to parents/carers have been kept to a minimum, it is important that **all** parents/carers contribute to their child's swimming lessons. These contributions need to be paid via the online Pay+ as usual. A half-termly reminder will be sent to you via e mail.

If your child is unwell and misses their swimming session, we will not be able to provide an alternative time for them to swim. However, if we are not able to open the swimming pool, or our qualified swimming instructor is absent from school, we will do our very best to find an alternative date for this.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to meet with a member of the senior leadership team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding during these difficult financial times,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Gould
Executive Headteacher

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