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Dear Parents/Carers of year 6 children,

We are pleased to confirm we have secured pool time at QE Boys School again for the children's summer term. All children in year 6 will be taught swimming and water safety on Wednesday mornings in the summer term (Wednesday 17th April - Wednesday 17th July). Our priority is ensuring all children leave Underhill school able to swim a minimum of 25m. They will be taught by Karen who is familiar to all your children and is an experienced and fully qualified Swimming Instructor.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £15 to cover part of the cost for hire of the pool. This will be available to pay on School Money.

They will need a swimsuit (tight fitting shorts for boys, a one piece swimsuit for girls), a towel and a swim hat. A swim hat is a compulsory part of the swim kit regardless of the length of your child's hair. Goggles are not necessary nor recommended for beginners. If children wish, they can come to school with their swim kit underneath their clothes and bring their underwear in a bag.

Each class will walk up to QE boys with a member of the PE team and support staff, however we require parent/carer helpers to assist on the walk up and back to the pool. Please give permission on the Google form and indicate if you are able to help on any of the weeks at the following times:

9.00- 10.30: 6 Elm

9.30 - 11.00: 6 Ash

10.00 - 11.30: 6 Hawthorn

<https://forms.gle/kmyvNMusm7AJsabm6>

It would also be really helpful if you could prepare your child by visiting a swimming pool so they have some water confidence prior to our sessions starting. We only have 12 weeks of swimming so the more opportunities your child has to swim outside of school will ensure they make excellent progress in these lessons.

If you have concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Emily Sidney and Miss Charley Bates

