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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Years 2 to 6,

As you are aware, children in years two to six take part in a term of swimming lessons. By the end of year 6, each child is aiming to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres. From September we will be taking the children to Tockington Manor swimming pool. This new school pool has many additional benefits. These benefits include:

- 2 trained swimming coaches and a life guard
- Use of the whole pool, without parts being given to the public
- Sole use of new changing rooms that are not used by the public
- More space to swim
- A shorter distance to travel allowing a full 30 minute swimming session

From September we will be introducing a charge for swimming lessons. Unfortunately, South Gloucestershire no longer fund swimming lessons. We are not charging because of change of facilities; we would need to introduce this charge whether at Thornbury Leisure Centre or Tockington, but we feel Tockington offers the best value for money.

The school is able to meet 50% of the costs and will need to ask parents to contribute the remaining 50% at a cost of £7.50 per child. This will represent excellent value for money and each session will only cost £1.25 for full use of the swimming pool every Friday (2.30 – 3pm) and mini bus transport. If you have any difficulty in being able to make this contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Each class will receive a letter when it is their turn to swim with a request for £7.50 contribution. We are sure the children will enjoy using this facility and that our swimming provision will be of the highest quality.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss F. Bertham
Head Teacher