HEATHCOAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware, the cost of swimming lessons and transport has increased significantly in recent years, while the funding available to schools continues to reduce.

Yesterday, I met with members of the PTFA to discuss how they might be able to provide additional financial support to help us continue offering swimming provision for our pupils and to reduce the financial burden on families.

For many years, the school has subsidised the cost of swimming lessons through the Heathcoat Primary School curriculum budget. However, due to increasing financial pressures and the current financial challenges facing the school, we are no longer able to fund these additional costs to the same extent.

We remain committed to ensuring that all Year 4 and Year 5 children can access swimming lessons as part of their education.

We are very grateful to our PTFA, who have kindly agreed to fund the cost of transport to and from the swimming pool for this week as a one-off contribution.

The PTFA are also currently consulting with Yr 4/5 parents to explore a range of options for how they may be able to continue to support swimming. While no decisions have been made, we appreciate their willingness to work alongside the school and consider ways of helping us maintain this important opportunity for our children.

Thank you once again to our PTFA for their generosity, ongoing support and commitment to the children of Heathcoat Primary School.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to meet the increased cost, please contact the school office in confidence so that we can discuss how we may be able to help.

For information: Your child should wear their normal school uniform on swimming days. However, as tomorrow is **Children in Need Day**, children are welcome to wear clothing that makes them feel happy (and comfortable). When choosing an outfit, please bear in mind that children will need to change independently for swimming, so simple, easy-to-manage clothing is recommended.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Becky Budden
Assistant Headteacher

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