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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of recent tragic incidents involving young people in open water, we feel it is important to take this opportunity to reinforce the vital role that swimming and water safety education plays in keeping children safe.

As a school located close to Warsash and the Solent, many of our children live, play, and spend time near water. This makes it particularly important that they develop both confidence in the water and a clear understanding of how to stay safe. Water safety is not simply a sporting skill; it is a life skill that can, quite literally, save lives.

At Locks Heath Junior School, we are fortunate to have a swimming pool on site, enabling us to provide high-quality, regular swimming and water safety lessons as part of our curriculum. These lessons are carefully planned to develop not only swimming ability but also awareness of risks, safe behaviours, and how to respond in different situations around water.

While we ask for a voluntary contribution to help support the running costs of the pool, it is important to be clear that swimming lessons are **not optional**. They are a statutory part of the curriculum and an essential component of our safeguarding provision. As such, all children are expected to participate in the same way that they would be expected to take part in English or Mathematics lessons, unless there is a significant medical reason why this is not possible.

We ask for your full support in ensuring that your child attends these sessions with the appropriate kit and a positive attitude towards participation. By working together, we can ensure that every child leaves our school with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to stay safe around water.

If you have any concerns or specific circumstances you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

N Farrell
Headteacher