



BOLHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th February 2017

Dear Parents

Swimming Lessons Survey

Thank you to everyone who kindly returned the above survey at the end of term, The Governing Body has now collated the responses and discussed them at their last meeting (minutes on school website).

A total of 48 response were received which represented 54 of our children; we currently have 106 pupils on roll which gives us a response rate of 51%. The responses were as follows:

- 4x do not wish to continue
- 1x doesn't mind
- 2x wish to continue but unable to pay
- 41x wish to continue and happy to pay.

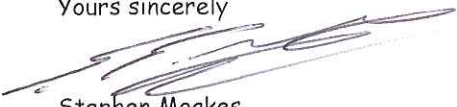
Based on these results the Governing Body re-examined the existing financial deficit which amounts to £600, whilst clearly those who responded to the survey have an overwhelming desire for swimming lessons for all year groups to continue this has to be balanced against the deficit the school faces which is not sustainable. To put this into context £600 would fund our school library service for half a year which includes the library books in the school along with topic books for classrooms. The Governing Body wishes to be very open and honest about the financial situation facing all schools currently with Bolham being no exception as such every budget has to be analysed and accounted for with savings being made where possible.

We are not a Governing Body that avoids making difficult decisions however we are equally not a Governing Body that does not listen to its parents and community. With this in mind it is very evident that the majority of those who replied wish swimming to continue with many highlighting the value of swimming as a life-long skill and great social occasion with friends coupled with living in a town with two rivers and a canal in a County with two coastlines.

The Governing Body has therefore taken the decision to continue with swimming lessons for the remainder of this academic year so that children achieve more than the national curriculum requirement of 25m at the end of Year 6. We would however, ask that any parent who has yet to pay for their children's swimming lessons to do so as soon as possible to help reduce the outstanding deficit. If anyone has any concern about this please do speak to Mrs Woodgate in confidence as we remain committed to ensuring that no child is disadvantaged due to an inability to pay. The Governing Body will continue to review the financial situation in relation to swimming and will re-visit this issue again in the future if a deficit continues in future terms.

Thank you once again for all of you who took the time to provide your feedback. If anyone wishes to discuss any aspect further or find out more about the Governing Body do speak to one of the Governors, our details and minutes of meetings are on the School Website. Our meetings are 'open' public meetings should you wish to attend and there will be Parent Governor elections in the Autumn term of 2017 should anyone wish to become more involved with the Governing Body and the Strategic Management of the School.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Moakes
Chair of Governors