

21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that in Year 11, your child will have the opportunity to engage with a small number of swimming lessons as part of their curriculum rotation, in their Friday morning games lessons. Students walk to Harpenden swimming pool (in their PE group) and take part in swimming lessons with trained staff at the pool, before walking back to school. While students walk unaccompanied, they are registered before leaving and after arriving, by RPS staff, and given strict instruction to walk in a large group.

Throughout Key Stage 4 we feel it is important for students to engage with a broad range of activities, so that they may be confident and comfortable participating in sporting activity into adult life. Accessing facilities beyond what we have at school adds variety and gives students something different to engage with. Swimming is a life skill and every student would benefit from improving their confidence in water. Accessing these external facilities does come at a cost, which in line the governors' charging policy, must be met by voluntary contributions. Unfortunately, if there is not sufficient uptake, then we will not be able to offer this option. Any students not engaging in swimming, would stay onsite and potentially repeat an activity with an alternative group therefore, we would encourage as many students to participate as possible.

With lessons delivered by trained swimming teachers, in a sole use double lane, we estimate the cost per student to be £20.50. If you would like your child to participate in swimming, we would require a non-refundable payment via ParentPay by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. In cases of hardship, please contact the Finance office in confidence – [finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk).

Payment for swimming lessons confirms that you have received this communication and understand that students will be unaccompanied when walking to and from the swimming pool. Furthermore, it is a declaration that your son/daughter:

- can participate in swimming
- is in good health. You are responsible for informing the PE department of any relevant medical/behavioural conditions
- must behave responsibly. We reserve the right to refuse a student's participation whose behaviour gives grounds for concern

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via [e.ellis@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:e.ellis@roundwoodpark.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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