



Head Teacher: Lucy Rodgers.

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Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Swimming pool evacuation

Every term the children in years 2 to 6 who swim, practice evacuating the swimming pool. This is a part of our health and safety procedures and is mandatory by law.

The evacuation practices are carried out with our qualified and highly skilled swimming instructors and accompanied by our trained assistant.

The practice involves teaching children to distinguish between two whistle blows which are standard to all swimming pools. The first is a short blow to indicate that the children must stop and listen. The second is a longer whistle blow which indicates that it is an emergency situation and that they must climb out of the pool at the designated exit point. Once out of the water the children are wrapped in foil blankets to keep them warm and then they are escorted out of the pool area. As I am sure you can appreciate, stopping to put their shoes on in an emergency situation would delay evacuation process and therefore they leave without them.

Your children's first evacuation drill will take place next week.

Yours sincerely,

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