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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, we have been undergoing an extensive redevelopment of our swimming pool across the past six months, following a 4-year period of the pool not being used. The works are now near completion and the pool is set to be ready for usage after February half term.

This is an exciting opportunity for all pupils in the academy as Years 7-10 will be swimming at some point in their PE lessons between February half term and when we break up for Summer. I wanted to write to you to inform you of this but also communicate our expectations as an academy when it comes to swimming lessons.

In terms of swimming kit, we ask that plain black or navy swimwear be worn. This being a swimming costume, swimming short or modesty swimsuits. If hair is longer than shoulder length then a swimming cap is expected to be worn, goggles are optional. A towel is also required for after swimming lessons for changing, showers are also available within the changing rooms along with individual cubicles for pupils to change underwear. Failure to bring correct kit for swimming lessons will result in a sanction as we would in a normal PE lesson.

If for some reason your child is unable to take part in swimming then a note from yourselves is required and medical note to support. Pupils are expected to bring their PE kit to get changed into and participate in another role within the lesson or to join another group on other activities. The only exception to this is if your child is physically unable to get changed.

If there are any questions or queries, then please contact Mr Webb through postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk before February half term.

Yours faithfully

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