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Dear Parent,

It has come to our attention that the current swimming session is causing some concerns for parents regarding collection of children. Swimming is a legal requirement of the school curriculum and as such we are unable to allow children to miss this session. As a school we are tied to times offered by local pools as well as availability of transport. The children's current slot is 2:30 until 3:00 on a Friday but the children's arrival back at school has become increasingly later due to previous schools not vacating the pool on time together with traffic the bus encounters on the return journey.

We have researched alternative availability and have been offered a 12:30 until 13:00 slot on a Friday. This would mean that the children would require a packed lunch (or order a packed lunch from the kitchen) Staff would ensure that the children ate a decent snack at breakdown and then the remainder of their lunch during a break on their return to school at approx. 13:30.

Alternatively we could retain our current slot and give parents the option of younger siblings going to care club free of charge until collection time (this would obviously depend on the younger siblings being willing to do this).

I am aware that this may not affect your child this term but all children in Year 5 and 6 will be swimming at some point this academic year and thus I would ask you to give this your consideration as we will be unable to make any changes later in the school year.

I would ask parents to please reply to the school text with your preference before the end of the day on Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pointon

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