

3th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, we are writing to you to inform you that we have had to cancel this week's swimming session for your child's class. The after school speed swimming session will also be cancelled.

Last week, Polkyth informed the schools in our Trust that a scuba diving group would use the diving pool during our swimming session on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This group would be using underwater cameras to take images. The Trust contacted the management of Polkyth to express concerns that a group unknown to the schools were allowed to access part of the pool during our swimming sessions and use equipment to take underwater images, particularly as the diving pool is attached to the main pool where our children would be swimming. This, in our opinion, poses a safeguarding risk to our children and our Trust wrote to the management to express concerns and to seek reassurance that this group would not be present during our sessions. We also sought advice from the PLT Safeguarding Lead, Kay Adams, and Annabel Timmins, Local Designated Officer (LADO) who shared our opinion and voiced similar concerns.

Yesterday, despite the Trust's expression of concern, we received confirmation that Polkyth still intended to let the pool simultaneously to school groups and the scuba diving group and therefore we will all be withdrawing our children from this week's swimming session and all future sessions where Polkyth deem it 'appropriate' to have multiple groups using the pool with our children.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes. We are currently seeking an alternative date from Polkyth management so that your child can have their missed session. If they are unable to provide a suitable date, we will, of course refund any payments you have made for this session.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Bunting  
Headteacher

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PE Lead Teacher