



26 March 2021

Dear Wescott and Westende Parents,

Although it is still hard to judge whether or not we will be able to open the school swimming pool this summer, we are keeping everything crossed that it will be possible and are starting to prepare!

### **The School Pool**

For those of you who are new to the schools, we are so lucky to have an open air pool facility in the grounds of Westende. It is a shallow pool (80cm depth). Wescott children tend to have swimming lessons once a week and Westende children twice a week in June, July and often early September.

### **Wescott Westende Swimming Association**

The Wescott Westende Swimming Association is run by a small group of parent volunteers. We aim to open the pool for leisure swimming after school 3.30-4.30pm, weekends 2.30-4.30pm and throughout the summer holiday. Families pay a membership fee in order to use the facility and to help cover training and running costs. Opening is based on the availability of the volunteer lifeguards and the 'Great' British weather of course...

### **Lifeguard Parent Volunteers Needed**

Every year we pay for six parent volunteers to undergo shallow pool lifeguard training. The qualification is valid for two years. These fantastic volunteers kindly give up their time to train and also to open the pool as much as they are able to in-line with above.

Unfortunately due the current pandemic, last year's training was unable to go ahead and the pool did not open. Therefore, we currently have no qualified lifeguards for this summer and are desperately seeking six superstars who are able to offer their time so that we can continue to provide this valuable facility for our school community. Training is booked for **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at Keephatch School, Wokingham (9am-4pm)**. Lifeguards get their family pool membership free! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer lifeguard or require further information, please contact [schoolpool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:schoolpool@hotmail.co.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you!

***Wescott Westende Swimming Association***