

Wednesday 19th January 2022

Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

The Oyster saga!

Based on my own experience, and having spoken to two Year 3 parents this morning, I write to express my understanding in the challenges we are all facing when applying for oysters for the children.

We are very keen to continue funding swimming lessons, in a sustainable way, whilst making savings. As a result, we have changed the location for swimming from Brixton Recreational Centre to Clapham Leisure Centre, in order to reduce the distance removing the need for costly weekly coaches.

Due to the journey not being a one off trip, in order to take the bus, only 4 children per adult can board without an oyster on group bookings. Therefore, we need as many children as possible to have one. I know, children travel for free right? Only with an accompanying adult with an oyster.

Despite this challenge, we cannot let this stop our children from accessing swimming lessons. So I am asking the year 3 community to work together to get as many oysters as possible, so our children can learn how to swim or improve their skills.

The survey is in place, so I can monitor how many oysters we have. So, when you are successful, please let me know.

In the short term, so we all have enough time to obtain cards, swimming will continue with travel by coach. This cannot be the long term solution, your support for all of our children is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and apologies for the frustration!

Regards,

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Ms A. Parker Executive Headteacher

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