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Dear All

Update from **Ardley Sharks** Swim School

I am sure it has come as a complete surprise to all of us following the unexpected closure of Ardley Hill Academy due to flood damage. We wish Ardley all the best and look forward to getting back to normal in September.

I have been instructing your children in their lessons since October and I would like to introduce myself, my name is Josie Summers and I have 3 sons who attended Ardley Hill some years ago. As a Mum I decided to train as a swimming teacher and started teaching swimming lessons at the school for 3 years in the early 2000's. I have now been teaching for 15 years plus also co-ordinating the swimming lessons at Dunstable Leisure Centre. I am passionate about children learning a life skill, whilst also having fun. I am also aware of the importance that communication between parents and their child's swimming progress is paramount, therefore parent viewing times will be arranged for the new swim school. Progress reports will also be available on request and every child will be given the opportunity to complete the ASA Learn to Swim Pathway Stages, with certificates and badges on offer.

Following on from yesterday's announcement at Ardley Hill regarding the changes to the swim school provision from September, I am delighted to confirm that all the **current staff** have been asked to continue in their rolls. This is an exciting new chapter for the local community and the children at Ardley Hill School as we are making a few changes that will benefit the pupils. These changes include: increased staff to pupil ratio, smaller focused groups, assistance in the water, point of contact on site at all times, parent viewing times.

We believe learning to swim is a necessary skill and a rewarding experience. Our instructors are fully ASA trained to ensure they can inspire learning within a structured teaching programme. Our primary focus is to ensure safety and confidence in the water through offering weekly term time lessons and crash courses during the school holidays.

Please contact me directly if you have any concerns on ardleysharks@outlook.com.

With kindest regards

Josie Summers

