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Thank you for your letters, received 28 February, from your pupils Grace, Lucas, and Erin, about swimming lessons at your school. I would be grateful if you could share this reply with them.

I am always pleased to hear from young people who are interested in their education, and it is great to know you are all so passionate about wanting to learn to swim. I am sorry that you have not been able to go to a swimming pool recently.

I agree that swimming is a vital life skill and that is why we want all pupils to be taught how to swim and about water safety at school. All children should learn how to use a range of different strokes, swim over a distance of at least 25 metres, and know how to keep safe in and around the water.

Officials in my department have been in contact with Swim England about your difficulties in finding pool space for your lessons and they will help you access the facilities you need. Your Headteacher Mr McCoy can contact Alex Barrett at: alex.barrett@swimming.org, who will be happy to help you.

Thank you all for writing on this important matter, and I wish you all the very best in your future education.

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