

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is that exciting time of year again and we are very fortunate to have an outdoor pool, which allows all of our pupils to swim during the summer term.

We are now making plans for the swimming pool to be ready for swimming lessons to start the first week after the half term holiday **Monday 3rd June 2019**.

On the day of your child's lesson, they will need to remember to bring their swimming bag to school. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you what your child requires for swimming...

- Named swimming costume or trunks (no bikinis or long trunks please)
- Towel that is big enough to wrap around your child when they get out of the water
- A pair of croc type shoes or flip flops to walk to and from the pool
- Swimming hat
- Goggles
- Protective socks (if required)
- Ear plugs (if required and if they can fit them themselves)

Please write your child's name clearly on **all** items in their swimming bag. It remains in our school policy that **no jewellery** can be worn into the swimming pool. Please ensure your child **does not** come to school with jewellery (**this includes earrings**) on their swimming day or ensure that children can effectively remove all jewellery before their lesson. **If children cannot remove their jewellery, they are not allowed to swim; unfortunately, staff are not allowed to help or take children's earrings out and tape is not permitted in the pool. Please note that children will not be able to swim for six weeks after having their ears pierced; so please delay doing this until the summer holidays.**

The swimming pool will be heated and there are both boys' and girls' changing rooms available to older pupils. In the event of a storm it is not possible to swim (due to the risk of lightning).

Children will be swimming in ability groups with a maximum size of 10 children per group at one time. These groups will be arranged by teachers after conducting a pupil survey about their confidence in water and previous assessment results to ensure children are being supported appropriately in the pool. Please note that groupings may change as the term progresses.

Healthy and safety

- To help us keep the chlorine levels as low as possible, please remind children to wash their hands after going to the toilet and if possible arrange for them to have a bath / shower / wash hair on the night before you swim. Please encourage children not to purposefully swallow the pool water. It is clean, but it's not for drinking.
- If children have been sick, they must **wait 48 hours** before swimming.

- If children have had diarrhoea, they **must wait 2 weeks** before swimming. This may seem an extraordinary amount of time, but a super-resistant parasite called Cryptosporidium Hominis can still be present on a child who has had diarrhoea for two weeks after all other symptoms have past. This can pass in pool water to cause a gastroenteritis outbreak. Please do, therefore, ensure that we are informed if you child cannot swim due to this reason.
- If the chemical levels in the pool become unbalanced, the pool will temporarily close and therefore there is the chance that a lesson may need to be cancelled. Please help your children to understand this as we know that they are very excited about the prospect of getting in the pool but we must ensure that the water is safe for them.
- Please ensure that all medical details and phone numbers are up to date with the office and alert us if your child has previously had any allergy / reaction to swimming pool chemicals.

Please see below for your child's swimming day and time.

If for any reason, your child's swimming day changes, communication will be made via the school office, on the school website and twitter page as well as though class teachers, who will send a note home with children to ensure that any changes are effectively communicated with you.

Reception- Mrs Holcroft/Mrs Gallery	Wednesday 1:30pm-2:30pm
Reception- Miss Pena	Wednesday 10:45am-12:15pm
Year 1- Mrs Hawkins/Mrs Maddren	Thursday 9:00am-10:30am
Year 1 Mrs Munro-Wilkinson	Monday 10:45am-12:15pm
Year 2- Mrs Cockman/Miss Fletcher	Tuesday 10:45am-12:15pm
Year 2- Mrs Dunlop	Tuesday- 9:00am-10:30am
Year 3- Miss Tyas	Friday 1:15pm-2:45pm
Year 3/4- Mrs Jeffery	Wednesday 9:00am-10:30am
Year 4- Mr Bryant	Thursday 10:45am-12:15pm
Year 5- Miss Brown	Friday 10:45am-12:15pm
Year 5- Mrs Nussey	Monday 1:15pm-2:45pm
Year 6- Mrs Remington Davidson	Friday 9:00am-10:30am
Year 6- Mrs Hardy/Mrs Marsh	Tuesday 1:15pm-2:45pm

If have any queries or concerns regarding your child's swimming lessons please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

We hope your child enjoys their swimming experience and benefits from learning this essential life skill.

Kind regards

Mrs Schofield and Mrs Brown