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11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents

The National Curriculum requires primary schools to provide swimming lessons for children, with the expectation that all children can swim 25m unaided by the time they leave primary school.

The National Curriculum also includes **life-saving swimming skills for children in Year 6**. This element involves learning a range of swimming survival strokes, self-rescue, and water safety awareness. The most competent swimmers will also practice swimming whilst wearing clothes.

The 6 weeks swimming lessons will take place at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre **every Tuesday** starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June up to and including Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children will leave school at 10.45am and return at 12:45pm in time to eat lunch.

**The Dates are: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Please keep for future reference

### PE Lessons

During the 6 weeks children are swimming, there will **not** be a PE lesson on Monday during Week B. Therefore, children need to wear their school uniform on Monday during Week B.

Thursday PE lessons during Week A remain unchanged, so children should continue to wear their PE kits as normal.

In conforming with the Governors' policy on Charges for School Activities we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £45 to cover the cost of transport, entry to the swimming pool and the services of three trained swimming coaches. This payment can be made in full, or two £22.50 installments. Please pay via School Money, on [edsp.co/sm-login](https://edsp.co/sm-login). If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, school will cover the cost of swimming lessons. Please contact school if you have any concerns regarding payment for lessons. The school does understand the pressures on parents at this time and is subsidising these lessons for each child.

All pupils will attend the swimming lessons unless there is a medical reason for not doing so, and no child will be excluded because he/she has not made a contribution towards the cost of the activity.



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## Clothing

Children will need to wear their PE kits as there is limited time for changing and tights/leggings are tricky to get back on after swimming!

The children will be assessed throughout the 6 weeks course and, when they reach the required level to practice swimming whilst wearing clothes, we will inform you via text message which weeks your child will need to also bring shorts and t-shirt to swim in.

## Goggles

If your child wishes to wear goggles the pool has no objection, but goggles need to be supplied from home.

## Hair

Long hair needs to be tied back as per the school uniform. If children would like to wear swimming hats, which the leisure centre would encourage, then they may, but they need to be able to put these on themselves if possible.

## Swimming costumes/trunks

Some boys wear long trunks which impair movement and so staff ask that trunks are not longer than knee length.

Girls are only to wear one piece swimming costumes as 2 piece costumes also cause problems with swimming aids rubbing.

## Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed to be worn e.g. earrings, watches, necklaces.

The school and the swimming staff have your child's safety at the forefront of their thoughts, and I thank you for your support with following this guidance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Kilbey