



1st December 2023

Dear Parents

The National Curriculum requires primary schools to provide swimming provision for children, with the expectation that all children can swim 25m unaided by the time they leave primary school. This school year every child in Year 3 will receive swimming lessons for 8 weeks. The children will be travelling to Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre. After the 8 week course, any children that are unable to swim the required 25m will undertake an intensive 2 week course, swimming every day. The details of which will follow at a later date. The future lessons will be funded by the PE grant provided by the government so will not involve any cost to parents/carers.

The dates are given below - please keep for future reference

Tuesday – 16th Jan, 23rd Jan, 30th Jan, 6th Feb, 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 5th Mar, 12th Mar

In conforming with the Governors' policy on Charges for School Activities we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £50 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 £25 installments. 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 of lessons. N.B. The school does understand the pressures on parents at this time and is subsidizing these lessons by over £14 per child for the 8 sessions.

All pupils will attend the relevant sessions 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.

The children will need to come to school dressed in jogging bottoms as there is limited time for changing and tights/leggings are tricky to get back on after swimming!

The children will leave school at 10.45am and return at 12:45 in time to eat lunch but will return too late for a hot school dinner. Please provide a packed lunch on that day. Children in receipt of free school meals are entitled to a free packed lunch. If you require a packed lunch from school please let us know by **Tuesday 12th December**.

Goggles

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

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Hair

Long hair needs to be tied back as per the school uniform. If children would like to wear swimming hats then they may, but 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

The only jewellery that is permitted in the pool are stud earrings.

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

Y3 Swimming Sessions

I/We give permission for my/our child to go swimming for 8 sessions as detailed in the above letter.

Full term contribution..... First half contribution.....

Pupil's name.....Signed.....

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