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6th July 2023

Dear Year 4 Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Swimming – Autumn Term 2023

We will be starting swimming lessons for all Year 5 children in September for the duration of the Autumn Term, and so we are notifying you this side of the summer holidays so you have time to prepare.

The swimming lessons will take place at the Splashpoint Leisure Centre and will begin on **Tuesday 12th September and continue until 12th December. All children will complete a 12-week series of taught lessons** following the assessment week, which will determine the challenge level group they will be taught in.

It is a requirement of the National Curriculum for P.E. that schools teach swimming. We feel that it is vital that all children learn to swim for their own safety and for their enjoyment, and the swim teachers will ensure all children progress from their start point, no matter their ability.

The cost for transport, and the hire of the pool with lifeguard and tuition are provided at a cost to the school, for which we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£80.80**. This equates to approx. £3.13 for transport and £3.09 for swimming costs per week.

We realise that this letter comes home at the same as the letter about the Gaveston Hall Activity Day for year 5, which is another large expense and so we are offering the option of suggested instalments through ParentPay over the four months for swimming (see dates in ParentPay):

If you have already signed up with ParentPay you can pay this online by debit or credit card. We will, of course, always be ready to help in cases of genuine financial difficulty – please do speak in confidence to the School Finance Assistant.

Timings for the swimming assessment on Tues 12th September will be as follows:

Kingfisher Class will be taken by coach to the first session at the pool for 2.00pm and return before 3.00pm.

Heron Class will attend the second session at the pool for 2.30pm and return to school by coach for 3.30pm.

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Please note that after the initial assessment we will follow up with another letter so that you are aware of which session time your child's swimming group will be for the following Tuesday (19th Sept).

All children will need a swimming costume, towel, goggles and a swimming cap (now compulsory for all children as stipulated by the centre). Appropriate swimwear will be required; for girls this is a one-piece swim suit and for boys, swimming trunks or **short/tight** swimming shorts. Splashpoint does not allow the wearing of surfing shorts that come below the knee as any long shorts hinder the ability to swim correctly or the wearing of t-shirts.

Please complete the attached consent/medical form – we require this to be completed and returned to school by the end of the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Team

SWIMMING DATES – AUTUMN TERM 2023

(for your notice board or fridge)



AUTUMN TERM 2023

12th September
19th September
26th September
3rd October
10th October
17th October
Half Term

31st October
7th November
14th November
21st November
28th November
5th December
12th December