

1st February 2018

Dear Parents

Y4 Swimming lessons

Swimming starts for the children in Y4 on **Thursday 22nd February for 7 sessions as follows: 22nd Feb, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March, there will be no swimming on 29th March. Swimming will then continue after the Easter Holidays for a further 2 sessions on 19th April and 26th April.** Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for PE which says each child should be able to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Key Stage 2. All children take part in this activity and if a child is not fit enough to swim a note must be sent into school.

To assist with the cost of this offsite activity we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per week (£28.00 in total). You can make these contributions either by cash, cheque or via Parentpay (preferred Method).

Health and Safety - Goggles The Gloucestershire Guidelines for Swimming Water Safety states goggles should not be worn for school swimming. This is due to health and safety issues. If you are still interested in your child wearing goggles please let the class teacher\office know and they will forward to you a copy of the relevant page of the Gloucestershire Guidelines for Swimming Water Safety Policy, at which point you can make a fully informed decision that you should then convey to the school.

Swimming Caps are not required, but long hair **MUST** be tied up.

Swimming Costumes – If a boy is wearing shorts rather than “trunks” then they must be above the knee (shorter if possible). Girls must wear swimming costumes not bikinis.

Children must be fit to swim. The GGFSWSP states that teachers have a duty of care and that children with cuts, skin or ear infections must not swim. We will be following this policy.

Earrings should be removed before swimming or covered with a plaster that is provided from home.

Please ensure your child has a named costume or trunks, towels and a water proof bag.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J.Woolley
Headteacher

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I/We give permission for my/our childclass..... to take part in swimming.

- I have enclosed a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per week (£28 in total)
- I have paid by: cheque (payable to Gloucestershire County Council)
- cash
- via Parentpay (Preferred Method of payment)

(please delete as appropriate)

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)