

10th September 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will be participating in swimming lessons at Westonbirt School beginning on Thursday 17th September.

Swimming is a vital part of the school curriculum and for many children school swimming lessons are the only opportunity they have to learn to swim as well as develop water safety awareness. We therefore believe it is absolutely essential that swimming lessons continue through the pandemic.

All children attending swimming lessons will be prepared in advance of visiting Westonbirt pool and the expectations of them whilst there.

We have completed a risk assessment to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to protect staff, pupils and others from coronavirus (COVID-19) whilst travelling to and from the pool. Westonbirt Leisure have also completed a risk assessment to reduce the risk to pupils whilst using the pool and surrounding area. The bus company have also completed a risk assessment to reduce the risk of infection on the bus. All Risk assessments are available for parents from the school office outlining the protective measures that will be in place.

Face coverings are to be worn on the coach to and from swimming.

In order to reduce the number of children attending these sessions, we are looking into the possibility of children who can already swim 25m not attending these sessions and remaining in school. If your child has achieved their 25m swimming award and you have evidence (certificate or badge) of this and you do not want your child to attend the swimming sessions please send a picture of their badge or certificate along with an email to the school office stating that you would be happy for your child to stay in school and not attend swimming lessons.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Woolley

Headteacher