

21st April 2021

Dear Parents,

### Y6 Swimming lessons

We are now able to begin our Swimming lessons again and therefore from 29<sup>th</sup> April, all year 6 children will have swimming lessons starting on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April for 9 sessions as follows: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, (half term break) 10<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> July**. 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. It has been exceptional circumstances this year and children have not been able to attend swimming lessons for a long time. We have decided that we will focus on our year 6 children giving them 9 sessions instead of the normal 6 sessions, before they leave us and go to their secondary schools. Therefore, all year 6 children will take part in this activity this summer term starting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

To assist with the cost of this offsite activity we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per week (£36.00 in total). You can make these contributions by via Parentpay.

**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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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May (half term) Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

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

- I have paid the voluntary contribution of £36.00 via parent pay
- £4 weekly payment on parent pay is also available
- Signed.....(Parent/Carer)