

We are very excited because preparations are well underway for the 2025 swimming season. We are looking forward immensely to using our new pool. Thank you for sending in the swimming contributions. We are able to purchase our initial batch of chemicals which will last us until half term. Receipts will be issued shortly thanking you for your contribution. Please make any outstanding contributions (**£26 per child**) through your Scopay Account or send it into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name and labelled "Swimming" by Tuesday 6th May. Some parents have queried with us whether they have paid or not so we will send out a reminder as appropriate to those who have not.

We really want our children to have a wonderful experience in the pool and so we are giving a lot of thought to when we actually start the lessons and we are busy fine tuning our Risk Assessment for swimming. During the next week we will make a decision on our exact start date (which we expect to be Monday 12th May) and will issue the specific timetable, but in the meantime please be aware of our swimming rules and what each child will need, which are detailed below:

- * All children must wear a hat in the water, named please. These can be bought from the office for £3.00 (payments in cash or online)
- * Girls should wear a **one piece suit** and boys should wear **trunks/shorts that come no longer than mid-thigh not knee length Bermuda style. Without the correct kit, they will not be able to swim.**
- * **All pupils will need a named towel in a named swimming bag and a pair of flip-flops or crocs to wear pool side. This is essential as sometimes children need to walk to/from the classroom or go to the toilet and need suitable footwear**
- * No jewellery will be worn in the pool. **This includes all forms of earrings.** If children are unable to remove their earrings, they will **not** be allowed to swim. Please do not have children's ears pierced this term as this is effectively an open wound and they will not be allowed to swim. It might be helpful if they do not wear earrings on swimming days. Please cover the Sikh bangle with a sweatband as they do for P.E.
- * Children with verrucas must have them covered with either nail varnish or 'Bazooka' by a parent/carer, or they will not be allowed to swim.
- * Asthmatic children must have an inhaler in school so that it can be kept at poolside.
- * All children will be expected to swim as it is part of the PE Curriculum, unless a note comes in from home with an appropriate explanation of why they are not doing so.
- * If your child has been suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting within 48 hours of them swimming they **must not** swim. Can you please let their class teacher know via a note.
- * Children who are not swimming will be set appropriate work related to the PE curriculum
- * Please **do not** send your child with any creams, talcum powder or spray deodorants to apply before or after swimming as this can cause a Health and Safety issue.

Let's all hope for warm sunny weather for our swimming season!

Yours sincerely

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