

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited because preparations are well underway for the 2019 swimming season. We really want our children to have a wonderful experience in the pool and so we have given a lot of thought to when we actually start the lessons. During the next week we will make a decision on our exact start date, but in the meantime please be aware that parents wishing to help with KS1 or Foundation Stage swimming require a DBS check.

Attached to this letter is a timetable of when your child is swimming. We will aim to make up any missed lessons, should they occur, but this may not always be possible. We will advise you by a note, sticker on your child or email of the re-arranged day. It would also be very helpful if you could fill in the slip to give us an idea about which group to put your child in. Please give it serious consideration, as it prevents a session being wasted by a child being in the wrong group.

There are also a few rules to follow so that the children are safe and the pool will remain in top condition. These are outlined below: -

- * All children will wear a hat in the water, named please. These can be bought from the office for £2.00
- * 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.
- * 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.
- * Children will be expected to swim unless a note comes in from home explaining 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 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.
- * The class winning the "Class of the Week" award will receive an extra swim.

Thank you for sending in the swimming contribution so promptly. Receipts will be issued this week thanking you for your contribution. Please send any further contributions into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name. Some parents have queried with us whether they have paid so we will send out a reminder as appropriate.

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

Yours sincerely

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