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8th November 2021

Key Stage 2 Swimming Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This year we have revised our current arrangements for swimming lessons in to ensure compliance with the latest Government requirements. From January 2021 our Year 3/4 children will attend Wetherby Leisure Centre for swimming lessons during the spring term. Going forward Year 5/6 children will only be offered additional top-up lessons if they did not meet the required standards in Year 3/4.

The lessons take place at Wetherby Leisure Centre every Thursday from 10.00am – 10:30am. The children will travel by coach leaving school at 9.15am and returning at approximately 11:15am.

The swimming sessions will be held on:

January 13th, 20th, 27th

February 3rd, 10th, 17th

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Please ensure that your child comes with a towel and his/her swimming costume and swimming hat every Thursday. The cost is **£31.50** per child for the 10 week course and consent and payment to be made via ParentPay by 3rd December.

Following previous feedback from parents, we have liaised with Wetherby pool and are pleased to inform you that it is able to offer the more competent swimmers activity based lessons such as water polo and lifesaving.

We would like to take the opportunity to advise you that for Key Stage 2 children it is a **statutory requirement** for all primary schools to provide swimming lessons for their children.

The National Curriculum states within PE:

Swimming and Water Safety

All schools must provide swimming instruction in either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- *Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres*
- *Use a range of strokes effectively*
- *Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations*





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Just as we are not able to withdraw children from Maths and English lessons, as a school, we are not able to withdraw children from Swimming Lessons unless there is a specific medical or health related reason; please inform your class teacher immediately if this is the case. We recognise that some children have anxieties around swimming and water based activities and if this is the case please inform your class teacher immediately and we will ensure that your child is supported and cared for appropriately whilst at the pool.

Our school pays for the cost of the transport to and from the swimming pool and the cost of the swimming instructors. We ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport. No profits are made on this activity and any shortfalls have to be covered by utilising monies from our school's budget. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please do speak to either the office staff or Headteacher in confidence, as there are partial bursaries/subsidies funded by both FoNR and a historical School Fund available.

The time spent in the pool is half an hour. The children are assessed during the first lesson and grouped appropriately. Our class teachers are not qualified swimming instructors so we rely on the capabilities of the staff at the pool. If you have any specific concerns regarding the quality of teaching and learning within the swimming lessons please pass these onto your class teacher who will then, in turn, pass them onto the instructor.

If your child's medical details have changed, please can you inform the school office immediately. Parents of children with inhalers or relevant medicines please ensure that these are up to date and in school so that they can be taken to the swimming pool.

Yours sincerely

Miss Karen Ellis
Years 3/4 Class Teacher

