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Dear Parents / Carers

SWIMMING – Years 5 & 6

After many years of taking the children swimming at Botwell Leisure Centre, we have decided to embark on an exciting new venture by having a pop-up-pool on site on our Key Stage 2 playground. The pool will be onsite from Monday 19th September until Friday 14th October.

This provision will only be for children in Years 5 and 6, to ensure that they leave Charville having passed their National Curriculum for swimming. Children should be able to do the following at the end of Key Stage 2:

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

We would like your child to bring in the following, in a separate bag, every day for this period from 19th September:

Hair bands, to tie up long hair, full swimming costume, close fitting swimming trunks that are no longer than mid-thigh, towel and flip flops or shoes that are easy to take on and off, e.g. crocs or swim shoes.

As the children will be swimming every day, it may be a good idea for your child to have two swimming costumes.

Children will **not be permitted to wear goggles until they have passed National Curriculum**, this is because the tests up to and including National Curriculum have to be achieved without the use of goggles. A doctor's letter would be required for any medical conditions that would require a child to wear goggles, but be aware that some activities will require your child not to wear goggles; otherwise they will be prevented from that activity. Once your child is wearing goggles please ensure your child is competent to use them.

New regulations issued by the pool states that **all pupils should wear swimming caps** for hygiene purposes.

Jewellery may not be worn and should be left in safety at school. **Earrings must be taken out.**

Please check your child's feet for Athlete's Foot, open sores or other skin complaints, and seek your doctor's advice before allowing the child to resume swimming. Any child with a verruca must wear a swimming sock or not take part in lessons.

We have liaised with the pool to identify their measures and we have used this to inform our own risk assessment. The pool will always be supervised by a swimming instructor and a lifeguard. The pool will be closed and covered at all times, when it is not in use.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and a very important life skill. All children will be expected to take part in the lessons, however if your child is unable to swim for any session please send in a letter stating the reason, which should be given to the class teacher in the morning. If children can already swim and have reached the expected standards, they will not swim everyday, as those children who cannot swim will take priority.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the school, that will hopefully mean we can continue with this provision so more children can access swimming. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to me.

Yours sincerely

MRS R MADAR
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER