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Dear Parents / Carers 20th July 2023

SWIMMING - Years 4, 5, 6

In the next academic year we will be having the pop-up pool onsite from September 1st 2023 until the October half term. That allows us to have next year's Year 4, 5 and 6, swimming consistently for a period of up to 6 weeks.

This provision will only be for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 and the children.

We would like your child to bring in the following, in a separate bag, every day for this period from 11th September:

Hair bands, to tie up long hair, full swimming costume, close fitting swimming trunks that are no longer than mid-thigh, a large towel/ towelling poncho 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.** 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 company 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. Ms Mira will also accompany some of the children in the pool. 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. The children are expected to leave Year 6 being able to swim 25 metres confidently. We believe that the children will benefit from developing their gross motor skills by increasing their muscle tone.

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

Miss Rodipe / Miss Charles Swimming Coordinators

















