

27th August 2021

Dear Parents,

Swimming Autumn Term 2021

Following the latest Swim England guidance, we are able resume swimming lessons and, as previously suggested, all Year 3 and 4 children will be swimming, with an additional selection of Year 5 children, where required. If your child is in Year 5 and has been asked to swim again, we strongly recommend they attend in order to help them reach the minimum national requirements for swimming 25m. If you are able to support them further by taking them swimming outside of school this would also be helpful. Should you wish to discuss this further please make an appointment to speak to myself.

The following contribution of £95.25 is requested from parents for each child swimming. This covers the cost of coach hire; swimming teachers and the pool hire. This can be made in a single payment, half-termly payments, or weekly. Please contact the office if you would like to pay weekly.

The swimming session dates are:

September	3 rd – 10 th – 17 th – 24 th
October	1 st – 8 th – 15 th – 29 th
November	5 th – 12 th – 19 th – 26 th
December	3 rd – 10 th – 17 th

Contributions can now be paid online via School Money.

We will discuss school swimming with the children tomorrow, to ensure that they have a good idea of what happens on Fridays, at school and at the session, and we can answer any questions or worries they have.

Children need to bring a swimming bag on the above-mentioned Friday's with swimming costumes/trunks and a towel. **They do not need goggles**, as the school swimming lessons focus is on swimming 25m+ and water safety, which is different to the distance swimming in 'out of school' lessons. Can all items be labelled clearly. Children will be assessed in their first session, in the small pool area, in small groups. We are aware that some children cannot swim and the instructors are aware of this. There will be an assessment of non-swimmers/5-10m swimmers/10-25m swimmers/25m+ swimmers. Children will be grouped appropriately. These groups are flexible, and over the week's children may move groups, as their skills develop, the swimming teachers will judge this, and assess them throughout the term, in all lessons. All children will learn the Emergency Action Plan, and there will be a lifeguard on poolside, plus a member of school staff throughout the lesson. We will also take any medicines necessary, such as inhalers.

The children must be able to change into their costumes by themselves, and will be in charge of their own clothes, please ensure your child has packed their bag and knows what costume/trunks are theirs, and what towel, and that they have practiced changing. We do not have time to wash and dry hair; can children with long hair have this tied back securely. Hats may be worn, again please practice putting this on at home.



The children may still bring in a healthy snack, but this will be eaten earlier in the morning, allowing time for it to settle, before we go to swimming. Please still send in a water bottle. The children will return back to school for lunch, they can still order a hot dinner to eat on Fridays.

We are very excited at the prospect of resuming school swimming, and look forward to awarding the children as they make progress in their lessons.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to support school swimming, by volunteering your time, we very much appreciate it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Lambert', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Karen Lambert
Head Teacher