

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited because preparations are well underway for the 2021 swimming season. Thank you for sending in the swimming contributions before the Easter holiday. We were able to purchase our initial batch of chemicals and the water is looking beautiful and is warming up nicely. Receipts will be issued this coming week thanking you for your contribution. Please make any outstanding contributions (£23 per child) through your Scopay Account or send it into the school office in an envelope marked with your child's name and labelled "Swimming". Some parents have queried with us whether they have paid or not so we will send out a reminder as appropriate later this week to those who have not.

We really want our children to have a wonderful experience in the pool and so we are giving a lot of thought to when we actually start the lessons and we are busy fine tuning our COVID risk Assessment for swimming. It will work in a similar way to how we swam last year and this Autumn term. During the next week we will make a decision on our exact start date and will issue a timetable, but in the meantime please be aware of our swimming rules and what each child will need, which are detailed 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 to wear pool side. This is essential as sometimes children need to walk to/from the classroom or go to the toilet and need suitable footwear**
- * 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 PE 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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