



## Ely St Mary's C of E Junior School

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### Swimming – Year 5 & 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that as part of our preparation to reopen fully to all pupils once again, we are considering how we can support pupils to ensure their learning continues to progress, including in regards to swimming.

As part of the statutory curriculum requirements, we look for pupils to leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming with friends and family. Usually, we are able to support and assess this through school swimming lessons. Unfortunately, because of lockdown, it has not been possible to do this as we traditionally have done so throughout Year 5. With this in mind, we are asking for parents and carers of all our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to provide us with some information about their child(ren)'s swimming experiences and abilities.

Please click on this link to complete an online form. **We would kindly appreciate replies by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Thank you.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IN8UzBtljUyoVNIGkRXTWZvmLitKszhNgJmXlja9X1URFpWUVdLOTZUWIBYUTBZVTZTjI5NU5ZOC4u>

Once we have a clear picture of the children's swimming competency, we will look to schedule priority swimming lessons over the summer term. Unfortunately, due to time and availability, we anticipate that it will not be possible for all pupils to attend swimming lessons. Instead, lessons will prioritise pupils who are unable to swim competently and confidently over a short distance. We understand that for some pupils this will be disappointing, but I am sure you can appreciate that this last 12 months have certainly brought some challenges.

Having contacted the Hive, their pool aims to open on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April and swimming lessons will hopefully commence soon after that. We will keep you informed of our plans for swimming as they are confirmed.

Thank you very much for your support and understanding,

Mr Greenwood  
PE Coordinator

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### The Hive Ely:

#### What are the key changes?

- The Hive will manage the flow of customers through the building and during and after lessons enabling social distancing.
- A new delivery model that ensures our lessons are safe, progressive and fun for all children taking part.
- Enhanced cleaning measures throughout the centre.
- A new syllabus with more rounded outcomes that celebrates pupil's achievements as well as an increased focus on developing water safety skills.
- A reduced number of different classes

### Are lessons COVID-19 Safe?

Whilst we are comfortable that Chlorine treated water is one of the safest environments for our pupils, we have also ensured that our lessons follow Government and industry guidance and that the whole customer journey and environment is safe for our pupils, parents and teachers. The key changes we have made are:

- All lessons have staggered start times to reduce the number of people in areas of the centre.
- Introduction of Lead Swimming Teachers responsible for making all lessons COVID-19 Secure.
- All Swimming Teachers will deliver from poolside for all swimming lessons.
- All swimming lesson equipment is disinfected before, during and after all lessons.
- All swimming lesson capacities have been designed to ensure that all pupils can take part in lessons safely.