



CHANTRY
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you with regards to your child's swimming lessons at Chantry commencing September 2021.

As you may know we have an obligation under the national curriculum to teach children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. Last year we were unable to swim at all due to the Covid-19 pandemic, meaning this year we have two classes to teach to the above standard.

We only have a finite timetable to enable us to complete this with our pool supplier – Battle Abbey.

It has been an incredibly difficult to work out how we can manage this, this year. We have come to the conclusion that the only way to enable us to fulfil our obligation is to assess all children during the first sessions and only take those forward for lessons where they are unable to reach the standard, meaning that not all children will swim this year.

The sessions start on Monday 6th September for year 5 and Monday 13th September for year 4 where all children in those classes will attend. After these sessions the swimming teachers will assess the children and those that cannot swim the required distance will be invited back for the 10 sessions of swimming, each Monday, the last week being the 6th December.

As in previous years Chantry pay for the swimming but we kindly request voluntary donations to help us pay for the mini-bus that takes the children to and from Battle Abbey. If your child is selected for swimming you will receive a letter confirming all the details and requesting a contribution of £12.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit for Monday 6th September for year 5 children and Monday 13th September for year 4 children.

Thank you for understanding this difficult position we are in and we will follow up with another letter after 13th September.

Yours sincerely,

Becky Reed

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