



6 December 2022

Dear Year 4 Parents

Year 4 will begin their weekly swimming lessons at Spelthorne Leisure Centre on Friday 6 January 2023. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and legally all children must participate.

The first assessment lesson will take place on the Friday 6 January. Following the assessment, the children will be divided into ability-based groups. Non-swimmers will be accompanied in the water by a qualified instructor.

Each lesson will be 30 minutes long. Groups will travel as a class by approved school transport to and from Spelthorne Leisure Centre. Groups will begin swimming at 9.30am and 10:00am respectively, returning to school straight after their lessons.

Boys should wear trunks, not loose-fit shorts because it is easier to swim faster in trunks. Goggles are allowed. Swimming hats are essential and are insisted upon by the Leisure centre as they help keep hair out of the way when they swim and it helps prevent getting headlice which love chlorinated water.

To help children please send your child to school in their school uniform with their swimwear underneath. Please send in a towel, goggles, a swimming hat and underclothes. They should take their underclothes, towel, goggles and hat to the pool with them in a named bag.

The school does receive some funding to help cover the cost of delivering swimming lessons, but this does not cover the cost of transport. We would ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£38** per child towards the programme. Although the contribution is voluntary, any unpaid amounts have to be met from the school budget which will affect the amount of money we have available for other resources and equipment for the children. If you feel you will not be able to meet this additional expense, please contact the Finance Manager, Mrs L MacMahon to discuss the level of contribution you can make.

### Year 4 Swimming Programme – 2023

The dates are:

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Lesson 1 (Assessment)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Lesson 2
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Lesson 3
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Lesson 4
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	Lesson 5
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Lesson 6
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Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Lesson 7
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Lesson 8
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Lesson 9
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Lesson 10

Please make payment and give permission via our online system.  
NB The tick box must be ticked for permission to be recorded.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bailey  
Acting Head of School