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Dear Parent/Carer

Upper KS2 Swimming Sessions

Following the letter sent out previously, we are really excited to share that the onsite swimming lessons will start from **Monday 23rd of February**.

Year 5

All children will take part in swimming lessons in the pool.

Year 6

As outlined in the National Curriculum by the end of year 6 we endeavor that all our year 6 children are able to swim 25m. Therefore, we will be selecting those year 6 children who did not achieve 25m last year.

Our hopes are that by week 5, many of our non-swimmers will be well on their way to achieving 25m, which will be amazing!

How do the swimming lessons work?

Your child will have a swimming lesson every other day delivered by a training swimming coach. Research shows that this approach to swimming lessons, and swimming more regularly significantly improves swimming ability.

What will they need?

Your child will need to have the following kit in school on their swimming days in order to participate.



- All children must wear appropriate swimwear, for example: a one-piece swimming suit, swimming trunks (not baggy shorts) or a two-piece swim set. Full cover swimsuits are also acceptable for religious reasons.
 - All pupils will need to bring a towel.
 - If your child has asthma, they will need to bring their inhaler and have it available on pool side.



- Jewellery must be removed before swimming lessons, and it would be helpful if your child did not wear jewellery on swimming days.
- All children will be required to wear a swimming cap, your child can either provide their own or these can be provided by our swimming team.
- Children can bring their own goggles if they wish to use them.
- It is also advisable that children bring flipflops or sliders to wear when between the changing rooms and the pool, school will have some spare pairs of these available to use.

How will the groups be arranged?

Prior to the commencement of the swimming session, we ask all Year 5 and Year 6 parents to please ensure that you have completed the Microsoft forms questionnaire following the link below regarding your child's swimming ability. We do have data from last years swimming lessons but this updated information will be really helpful to aid the planning and organisation of the sessions and allow us to celebrate children's swimming achievement which we are hoping to display in school.

[Swimming Ability Parent Survey – Fill in form](#)

Year 6 parents and children will be notified if they are selected to swim, due to not achieving the 25m expectations.

If you have any queries regarding swimming, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible or Mr Marshall.

We appreciate the challenge of drying kit between swimming days to ensure it is ready for the next day but we really hope that you will see the benefits of this opportunity for your child and we are excited to be able to share the children's successes at the end of the half term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Severn – **Head of School**

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Mr Lewis – **PE Lead**

