



30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

**Year 5 Swimming Lessons**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the second half of the Autumn Term, Year 5 will be going swimming for six weeks on a Wednesday. These sessions will commence on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, with the last lesson being on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. For these sessions, children will need a swimming bag with towel and costume. Children with long hair must wear swimming hats. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

The school covers the cost of the swimming lessons, but we ask for a parent contribution towards the cost of the transport. The weekly cost for swimming transport for this academic year is £2.50 per child. Despite the cost having remained the same for a number of years, we have regrettably had to increase the transport contribution amount this year due to a significant increase in the coach cost over the last couple of years. The total cost for the 6 weeks is £15 which can be paid via ParentPay. We would also appreciate you giving consent for your child to attend swimming sessions (on ParentPay) by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any difficulties accessing ParentPay or have forgotten your login details, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to ensure safe and reliable travel for pupils.

Swimming is a vital life skill and an essential part of the National Curriculum for PE in primary schools. Statutory school swimming lessons are designed to ensure that every child learns how to swim confidently and safely and understand basic water safety—skills that could one day save their life or someone else's. As a school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best chance possible of meeting the requirement of swimming 25 metres unaided, using a range of strokes. We ask for your support in ensuring your child takes part in these compulsory sessions; regular attendance is crucial for their progress and safety. Children who do not meet the expected stage by the end of their swimming unit in Year 6 (Autumn Term) will be able to attend additional sessions in the final Summer Term to support them in reaching the required standard.

We understand that some children are nervous about swimming for a range of different reasons, but please be rest assured that we will support in any way we can. If you have any concerns or information to pass on with regards to your child and swimming, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Amy Preece

Head of School