

Communication to parents

Y5 Swimming including Water Safety and Personal Survival Skills

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming is a fabulous and important part of the National curriculum which children enjoy taking part in. It also promotes fitness and safety in and around water. We are delighted to announce that Lancing College have given permission for us to resume our swimming lessons.

During the first week of swimming, we assess the children's ability and to what extent they meet expectations outlined in the national curriculum.

We are delighted that we are able to maintain the current cost per lesson at £4.50 for the sixth year running, despite Lancing College increasing the cost of hiring their facilities in line with other venues.

The cost for the 11 weeks of lessons will be £49.50 per child (£4.50 per week) which covers the hire of the pool and lifeguard, swimming tuition and transport costs. Payments and consents can be made online using your sQuid account, alternatively please bring a cheque to the school office and request a paper version of the consent form. As we are contracted to hire the swimming pool and the coach, regrettably we will be unable to refund money in the event of a child's absence.

We would really appreciate consents and voluntary contributions being made on time, we will give parents one reminder via text. If consent is not given, then the relevant child will not be permitted to go.

If a parent cannot afford all or some of the voluntary contribution then please have a quiet word with a member of the Senior Leadership Team prior to the first swimming session.

If a parent is unwilling to make a voluntary contribution, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We would also like to remind parents that they must ensure that swimming kit is brought into school. The school will no longer be ringing up parents if children do not have their kit with them.

The first session for Year 5 will be **Thursday 13th January 2022 and the last lesson will be Thursday 31st March 2022.** Turtle class will leave school at 10.00am and Terrapin class will leave school at 10.30am, both classes will return to school in time for lunch.

Children should come to school equipped with a swimming kit including a towel and either a one piece costume or swim shorts (not two piece costumes or long surf-style shorts). A swimming hat is required for all children with long hair.

No earring studs should be worn on swimming days. As freshly pierced ears take several weeks to heal piercing should only take place at the very start of the summer holidays. Please check your child's feet for infections such as Athlete's Foot and Verrucas. If children are affected by either of these conditions, they cannot use the pool unless a special sock is worn. These are produced commercially and can be bought from a sports shop.

If you are not able or willing to pay the full amount please make an appointment via the school office or catch me on the school playground to discuss the cost of swimming in confidence.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Headteacher