

# Communication to parents

## Email

### **Subject Heading: Y4 Swimming including Water Safety and Personal Survival Skills**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Lancing College have given permission for us to resume our swimming lessons. Swimming is an important part of the National curriculum and during the first week of swimming we assess the children's ability against the expectations outlined in the national curriculum. The Government has placed great importance on getting children active and ensuring that all the children are able to swim confidently. Swimming promotes fitness, improves children's safety in and around water and is a very enjoyable part of school life.

The health and safety of our children and staff is of paramount importance, Lancing College and Worthing Coaches have a full risk assessment and put in place measures to minimise risk of transmission of the virus. These include full cleaning of the coach and pool buildings before and after the children use them as well as our own measures of frequent hand washing and distancing. As a result we have now taken the decision that it is safe for the children to resume their swimming lessons.

The first session for Year 3 will be **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the last lesson will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** Sea Otter class will leave school at 10.00am and Seahorse class will leave school at 10.30am, both classes will return to school in time for lunch.

We are delighted that we are able to maintain the current cost per lesson at £4.50 for the fifth year running. The cost for the 12 weeks of lessons will be £54.00 per child (£4.50 per week) which covers the hire of the pool and lifeguard, swimming tuition and transport costs. Payment and consent should 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.

If you have already made a payment for swimming for the summer term in Year 3 we will use this towards the cost. If you have not paid in full we will set up an 'offer' for the remainder. We do still require you to give consent by your sQuid please even if no payment is required.

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 child will not be permitted to go. If a parent cannot afford all or some of the voluntary contribution, or is not willing to pay the full amount, then please email the school office to discuss prior to the first swimming session.

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. If your child has Athlete's Foot or a verruca(s) they must also bring a verruca sock to wear. 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. The school will not contact parents if children do not have their kit with them so please do ensure they bring it with them.

Yours sincerely,



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