



Interim Executive Headteacher: Dr James Lane

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Dear Parents

Y4 Swimming – Spring 2018

Swimming lessons begin for Year 4 on **Friday, 12th January** for the whole of the Spring 2018 term. The children attend the lessons at Cophall Swimming Pool and are taught in groups according to their swimming ability.

Schools have a responsibility to provide a swimming programme for KS2 children. Swimming and water safety is a statutory part of the National Curriculum, with the aim that by the age of 11 (the end of key stage 2) all pupils should be taught to:

- pace themselves in floating and swimming challenges related to speed, distance and personal survival
- swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back
- use a range of recognised stroke and personal survival skills (such as front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface dives).

We are lucky to have a pool local to the school but unfortunately it is not local enough to walk the children to and from the lessons. To this end we are obliged to pay for coach costs and year on year the cost of coach travel has increased. We do not pass the cost of the lessons on to parents but in order to be able to continue with the lessons, giving every child the opportunity to learn to swim, we have no choice but to ask for a contribution towards the travel costs.

For this **half-term** we are asking for a one-off contribution of **£15.00** which is payable online by **Friday, 12th January**. By paying online you are also able to give consent for your child to take part in the lessons and to travel by coach to the pool. ***Your contributions enable these lessons to continue, thank you.***

Arrangements for a Friday:

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on a Friday wearing their PE kit – they can wear their swimming costumes under their kit and bring underwear with them. Their towel, swimwear/underwear and swimming hat (**BOYS AND GIRLS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR HATS**) should be in a separate bag to their normal school bag. The children should wear a warm outer coat/jacket in cold weather.

As swimming is part of the National Curriculum every child is expected to take part in lessons unless there is a medical reason for them not to do so.

With many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr J Lane
Executive Headteacher