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BEARWOOD
Primary and Nursery School

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Wednesday 11th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

During the Spring term, children in Year 3 will continue to take part in swimming lessons as part of the P.E. curriculum. There is no cost to parents. Swimming lessons will now take place at **The Junction Sports and Leisure Centre**. Children will travel by coach fitted with individual seat belts.

Lessons will take place on **Wednesdays from 13:30–14:30**
The sessions will run across the term on the following dates:

- January 6/13/23/30
- February 3/10/24
- March 3/10/17/24

What children need to bring

- Swimming costume/trunks (no bikinis or tankinis)
- Towel
- All clothing must be named (including underwear)
- Earrings must be removed before lessons
- Goggles are optional

Organisation of Lessons
Children will be accompanied by Bearwood staff and taught by qualified swimming teachers, with lifeguards always present
Lessons are organised by ability following an initial assessment. Children will be grouped to ensure safe and effective teaching, with appropriate adult-to-child ratios in place

Safety and Expectations
Swimming and water safety form part of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, so all children are expected to attend. If a child cannot swim, they will still attend to observe and learn.

We expect all pupils to behave in line with our school values of:

Ready – Respectful – Safe

Please read through the following with your child so that they know the expectations whilst attending these swimming lessons at The Junction.

Pupils will:

1. Treat all school and swimming instructors with respect and good manners.
2. Treat all other children with respect and good manners.
3. Treat all members of the public with respect and good manners.
4. Follow the instructions of school staff and swimming instructors immediately and without question.
5. When travelling, follow the instructions given by the transport driver and school staff.
6. Follow the safety rules set out by staff, especially poolside or in the water.
7. Inform school staff of any concerns as soon as possible.
8. Respect other people's property, including that of the leisure centre.
9. Respect privacy in changing areas at all times.

Pupils will NOT:

1. Threaten or hurt any other person, either physically or verbally.
2. Behave in any way which is judged by school staff or swimming pool staff to be unsafe.
3. Use any equipment or try any activity without the supervision of staff.
4. Bring valuables, especially electronic equipment including mobile phones to the leisure centre.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
If staff deem a pupil's behaviour to be unacceptable then that pupil may be asked to leave the swimming pool and parents / carers will be asked to attend to collect their child.

Thank you for taking the time to read through these expectations with your child.

Important Information

- Qualified instructors and lifeguards will supervise all sessions.
- Emergency procedures and first aid provision are in place at all times.
- Children will be informed of pool rules at the start of lessons to ensure safety.

Kind regards,

Mrs Prosser
PE Leader