



### Swimming for Year 6 Spring 2024

Dear Parents,

**As from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, your child will start swimming lessons, which will take place during the school day.**

**The children will swim in a short block between Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Your child will be given their dates in the new year. This is a unique catch up opportunity for those pupils who have not yet secured the minimum national standard and our commitment to ensure that our pupils have the skills to keep them safe in water.**

These will take place on the school site in a mobile swimming pool in groups of up to 13 pupils. The swimming pool is covered and heated. The children will change for their swimming lesson in a heated changing room attached to the swimming marquee. The company also provide a swimming instructor and lifeguard for the duration of the lessons. A member of school staff will supervise the changing rooms and also support within the lesson.

We have made the decision to hire a temporary pool for our lessons this year to ensure that as many of our pupils as possible reach the expected standard by the end of key stage two. Having a pool on site allows for an intensive block of tuition without the need for travel. There is also therefore, less impact on the wider school curriculum.



Please make sure your child brings the following with them for each lesson:

- trunks (for boys)
- one piece swimsuits only please (no bikinis for girls)
- girls hair tied back and plaited
- a towel
- optional swimming cap
- optional goggles

The wearing of jewellery is strictly forbidden, this includes earrings, studs, rings, bracelets, etc.

Please note that swimming lessons are a compulsory part of the national curriculum. Therefore, a letter needs to be presented to school if your child is unable to swim for any reason. If your child is a non-swimmer, please feel free for them to bring their own armbands if they want to.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs L Tottie  
Head of School