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Dear Parents,

Swimming in Year 3 – 2021/2022

I write further to my letter of 23rd June 2021 informing you that swimming lessons will commence for Year 3 in January. (This is subject to any restrictions due to Covid-19 and we will keep you informed should anything change.)

Lessons will be on a Thursday afternoon at Tides in Deal between 1.15pm to 2.30pm and will be for 45 minutes rather than 30 minutes in previous years. This is due to the pools new time frames because of the pandemic. Children will leave school at 12.45pm, travelling by coach, and return before the end of the school day. Children will eat their lunch before leaving school for their swimming lesson. Swimming lessons will be on the following dates;

Year 3 Thursday, 6 January to Thursday, 31 March inclusive (excluding half-term) 12 weeks

Swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum. It states that pupils should be taught to: “*swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres*”. We feel that our children will benefit enormously from obtaining a good standard of water skills so that they can enjoy water activities and play safely when they are around water particularly in the coastal area where live.

The lessons are taken by qualified swimming instructors and the children will be accompanied by their teachers. Children will be divided into groups depending on their swimming ability. Those children who have already gained their 25 metres or above will be in the upper groups. They will focus on refining their strokes, building up their stamina and work towards swimming greater distances.

The cost of each lesson, which covers a 45 minute swimming lesson by a qualified swim instructor and transport to and from the swimming pool, will be £10.50 per week. This is an increase from previous years, however this is due to increased costs from the pool and coach company. Swimming lessons start very shortly after we return in January and we are therefore asking for the consent slip to be returned this term. Payment can then be made in January either by paying £10.50 per week or in one sum of £126.00 for the 12 week course. Payment can be made in cash, cheque (payable to Eastry CEP School) or via BACS using the following details;

National Westminster Bank Sorting Code **60-60-08**

Account No. **83294147**

Account Name **Eastry CEP School**

Please quote your child's name as the reference.

In line with legislation and the school governor's policy statement on the subject, we would like to remind you that no pupil will be prevented from going on an educational visit during school hours through inability to pay. (*If you are not able to pay please let the School Office know immediately*). However, please note that it may be necessary to cancel if sufficient voluntary contributions are not forthcoming. Regular attendance for swimming is expected.

