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7th July 2021

Dear Parents

Swimming in Year 4 – 2021/2022

I write further to my letter of 23rd June informing you that swimming lessons will commence for Year 4 in September. (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 the usual 30 minutes. 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 4 Thursday, 9 September to Thursday, 16 December inclusive (excluding half-term) 14 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. Swimming lessons start very shortly after we return in September and we are therefore asking for the consent slip to be returned this term. Payment can then be made in September either by paying £10.50 per week or in one sum of £147.00 for the 14 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 governors' 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. Regular attendance for swimming is expected.

Pupils going swimming require a **one-piece bathing costume (for girls), swimming trunks (for boys) shorts are not permitted**, and a towel and although not obligatory a bathing cap is advised particularly for long hair. Earrings should not be worn. Please ensure that as far as possible swimming kit is in school colours. For security reasons, please also ensure that all items of kit/school wear are indelibly marked. Please note that pupils with verruca's may still go swimming on the condition that they wear verruca socks.

Please complete and return the slip below before Wednesday, 14th July. Payment for swimming can be made when lessons start in September.

Kind regards



Sarah Moss
Headteacher



Consent Form

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Thursday, 9 September to Thursday, 16 December inclusive (excluding half-term)

My child _____ MAY participate in the above swimming lessons.

I confirm I will be paying £10.50 weekly for lessons when they start in September

I confirm I will be paying £147.00 for lessons in full in September

Please make cheques payable to Eastry CEP School.

Or BACS payment can be made to;

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Account No. **83294147**

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Please quote your child's name as the

Any allergies? YES/NO* Please specify:

I agree to my son/daughter* receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical and surgery treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion **as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.**

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

(Parent/Guardian)

*Please delete as appropriate