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Year 2 Water Safety Sessions

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to share with you some exciting news.

Year 2 child will be undertaking water safety sessions during the week commencing 27/04/2026. It is the aim of the National Curriculum that every child should leave Key Stage 2 performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations and being able to confidently swim 25 metres in a pool. In preparation for the end of KS2 expectations, this unit of work is preparing a basis for the statutory part of the National Curriculum working towards getting children to the expected level of confidence and ability in the water. These sessions will take place at school in the fantastic temporary swimming pool on the playground at the Juniors and will be provided by Elite Swim in Partnership with Fortius.

During the week commencing 27/04/2026, the children will take part in a daily water safety session run by qualified, DBS-checked swimming instructors and be supervised by school staff to ensure safe adult-child ratios throughout. Where flotation aids are needed, the qualified swimming instructors provide these to the children. They will then continue to take part in their normal curriculum within a classroom at the Grange Juniors which will provide children with the opportunity to explore the computer suite and art rooms as well.

In order to facilitate these sessions, Year 2 children will spend the week at Grange Junior School. Therefore, they will need to be dropped at Grange Junior School each day, their start time will be 08:40, gates will open at 08:25. Your child class teacher will meet them on the community centre playground each morning. School will finish at 15:30 and children will be collected from the community centre playground. Collection on a Friday will be 13:30. Children will have their lunch at the Juniors so please continue ordering these as normal.

On swimming days, school uniform should be worn as normal, unless it is a PE Day. (PE Days will remain the same.) Your child will need to bring in a separate bag with a swimming costume (girls – one piece costume not bikinis, boys – Speedo type trunks, not shorts), towel/robe, flip flops/sliders (which can be worn when walking to and from the pool). All children will need a swimming hat, a hairbrush/comb and something to tie back long hair. *Please ensure all children's belonging are labelled with their name so they can be returned if they are misplaced.* If your child has a verruca, please provide a swimming sock. Earrings to be removed as per normal PE lessons. *Please can we ask a carrier bag is also packed for their wet costume and towel.* Children will change in a secure, supervised changing areas at the Junior school. Fortius encourage children not to wear goggles whilst developing their water safety skills; however, if goggles are a necessity, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.



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This opportunity will also provide additional transition for Year 2 moving into Year 3 in September. The children will spend the week with their familiar adults on the Junior site to provide a chance to build familiarity with the layout of the school site.

If you have any questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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