

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Swimming at Millbrook -Year 6

We are very excited to tell you about the 'Pools for Schools' initiative will be happening at Millbrook over the next few weeks.

A temporary swimming pool will be erected on the playground to enable us to give our Y6 children 'top up' swimming lessons, without having to walk to and from the Link Centre every day. As many of you are aware, the Link Centre was unable to provide swimming lessons last year due to flooding and they missed out on their lessons in Year 3 & 4 due to the COVID pandemic. We are hoping that this will therefore be a reliable and efficient solution to teaching our children to swim.

The pupils will change in The Lodge, a short distance from the pool. Please can they bring crocs/sliders/flip flops as well as a swimming hat, swimming costume/trunks and a towel. They may also want to bring a robe/extra big towel for walking to and from the pool for warmth. No cosmetics are allowed in the pool as it will damage the water quality.

I have attached some frequently asked questions that may help.

Lessons will start on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, in groups of 12 with a qualified swimming teacher. We have the pool for three weeks. Your teacher will notify you of when your child will be having their lessons (10 half hour sessions minimum).

We are asking for a contribution of £20 towards the cost of the lessons. Please make your payment and give consent for your child to participate on ParentPay.

We hope you are excited about the temporary pool coming to our playground!

Kind regards

**Sarah Tilling**  
Senior Leader  
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Question	Response
Where is the pool being placed? Is it inside, outside?	Outside on the school playground and will be housed inside a marquee.  The swimming lessons will be private and those outside the marquee will be unable to see the swimmers.
Where are the children getting changed? What rules are being put in place while they are changing, will girls be changing with boys?	Boys and girls will change separately in a room near to the pool.
Is pool heated and or covered?  Will it be heated or at a certain temperature?	The pool is covered and heated. The temperature of the pool will be maintained at average 30.5deg (29.5deg in summer))
What happens if it's raining?	The pool is covered. Swimming will continue.
How will lessons be organised?	A timetable will be developed that consists of 30 mins lessons with a maximum of 12 pupils at one time.
What size is the pool?	The pool is 9.8m x 5.5m and has a maximum depth of 1.4m.
Is it going to be regularly cleaned?	Water quality checks will be carried out 4 x daily on a digital photometer.  Chemicals will be added to the water to maintain the required quality for swimming.  The water is filtered in a similar method to a local swimming pool. The filter will be monitored and cleaned as required throughout the week.
What swimming equipment is required	Swimming costume, towel (or towel poncho) and a swimming hat are required. Footwear such as 'sliders' or flip flops would be ideal for walking to and from the pool.
My child isn't a strong swimmer.	A collection of swimming aids are available for pupils who require them.
My child has been unwell – should they swim?	Any child that has had diarrhoea should not swim for 48hrs after symptoms have cleared. Let us know if your child has been unwell.
Anything else we should be aware of.	We would ask that pupils refrain from using cosmetics on days they are entering the pool (such as hair gels, deodorants etc). This helps to keep the water clean.