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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 5 Swimming Lessons 2021

As you may be aware, according to Government legislation students must learn to swim whilst they are Primary age. With this in mind, we are delighted to inform you that your son/ daughter will begin their swimming lessons again with Parkfield during the Summer term. It has been recommended DfE and Swim England that all students should have the opportunity to access an ambitious and broad curriculum and as a school we recognise the importance of learning how to swim and for students to have an understanding of water safety.

Students in Year 5 will begin their four-week swimming programme on Wednesday 5th May 2021, with their final lesson taking place on Wednesday 26th May 2021.

The swimming lessons will be held at Littledown Sports Centre and students will be transported there and back by school minibus. Each lesson will last for half an hour on a 1:7 student/instructor ratio, dependant on pupil ability. All Covid protocols will be in place to ensure all students are safe.

The school remains committed to supporting students in curriculum matters and will therefore subsidise the cost of transport to/from the lessons and the hiring of the swimming instructors. As a result, there is a voluntary contribution of £12 for the lessons. **Payment should be made via WisePay through the link on the school website.** All students will attend the lessons.

Please ensure that students bring swim bags and towels for their lessons. Swimwear should consist of swimming trunks for boys and a one-piece costume for girls. Please **do not** send your child with board shorts, tankinis or bikinis. Swimming hats and/or goggles are not essential, but they are highly advised. Students with long hair will benefit from wearing a hat.

We respectfully remind parents/carers that the swimming lessons are part of the school day and request that there are no spectators as this has proven to be a distraction for the students.

Please return the slip below **to the school office no later than Wednesday 5th May 2021.**

Kind regards,

Mr Anthony Lloyd
Head of PE

Year 5 Swimming Lessons – 5th May to 26th May 2021

Name of student: _____

My son/daughter can: swim 25m swim 50m is a non-swimmer

I have made a voluntary contribution of £12 via WisePay

Signature (Parent/Carer): _____ Print Name: _____

Contact number: _____