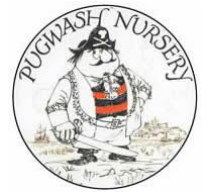




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Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to be able to inform you that we will be offering our Year 1 and 2 pupils the opportunity to have swimming lessons at Rye Sports Centre.

Swimming is only a part of the National Curriculum for KS2; with each Key Stage 2 child expected to be able to swim 25m by the end of Primary School, year 6. However, we would like to offer our Year 1 and 2 children this opportunity to start their swimming journey before they get to Key Stage 2 to start building water confidence.

In order for swimming lessons to **continue to take place, we require £2.91 per session or a total of £14.52 for the 5 sessions. Our preference would be for the £14.52 payment to be paid before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.** Each swimming lesson must be paid for in advance, even if paying weekly. We are happy to receive instalments of any amount in advance of each weekly swimming lesson.

**Any arrears have to be funded by the school at the cost of any other learning resources.**

You can pay online via ParentPay (the web based system we currently use to pay for school meals). We hope you will support us in enabling our children to have swimming in every year group.

Our year 1 and 2 classes will be swimming on **Wednesday afternoons between 1.30pm and 3pm for 5 weeks commencing Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June with the final session taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.** These lessons will be led by two qualified swimming instructors.

On Wednesdays, please ensure your children have the following in school:

- swimming costume/trunks
- Large towel
- Hair band for long hair or a swimming cap if preferred.
- **ALL JEWELLERY MUST BE REMOVED.**

**Please support your child by helping them to practise getting in and out of their swimming costume. This preparation will ensure that your child feels more confident with the process.**

If you do not wish your child to go swimming, they will stay in school, with another class. However, I would urge you to ensure your child has the opportunity to learn this vital life skill.

**All children from Sea Turtles class will need to be picked up from the swimming pool at 3:10pm. Children from Clownfish and Seahorses class will be picked up as normal from the playground.**

**If you have a child in Sea Turtles class, please collect any siblings from school first as this will allow an additional 5-10 minutes for the children to get changed.**

If you would like to make an additional contribution to the school to support any individual families who are finding it difficult to make the payment, then please speak to Mrs Suzie James or Mrs Ria Cruttenden in the school office, as we would like as many children to be able to swim as possible.

I am sure as parents and as members of a local seaside community, you too understand the need for our children to be water confident.

Best wishes,

Miss K Martin  
Headteacher