



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School

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*"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"*

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased to announce that Class 16 will be swimming every Thursday. The first lesson will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Children will walk to the leisure centre unless the weather is deemed to be unacceptable (the school minibuses will be used if needed – providing they are available). The class will return to school by 3:30pm and your child can be collected from the usual collection point.

Leisure Centre staff will teach the swimming lessons alongside school staff.

Children will be expected to wear still wear school uniform and to get changed into their swim wear at the leisure centre. Swimwear for boys can be shorts but must not go past the knee and for girls a one piece swim costume. Long hair must be tied back, a swim cap may be worn if preferred (especially in the winter months).

Children must not wear jewellery on swimming days. They must have a towel and a bag (it can be a plastic bag) to keep towel/clothing in

The leisure centre will provide armbands for those children who require them.

Ahead of the first lesson all children and staff members will watch a walkthrough video of what to expect when they arrive for their swimming lesson. Part of this video, the drowning and fire alarms will be sounded, and information on what to do upon hearing either of them.

Attending school swimming lessons ensures that children and young people have the opportunity to swim safely and proficiently.

Only children with a doctor's note will be excused from swimming.

Please complete the attached pupil ability sheet which will allow us to provide information to the centre ahead of the first lessons.

If you have any further queries about the swimming lessons, please see me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Needham  
Deputy Head Teacher



# EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE SWIMWEAR



- 1. Swim trunks
- 2. Swim shorts
- 3. Tight fitting swim shorts (above knee)
- 4. Swim skirt
- 5. Zipped swim costume
- 6. Swim costume
- 7. Swim burkini
- 8. Shorty swim suit\*
- 9. Tight fitting swim leggings
- 10. Swim rash vest
- 11. Swim tankini

\*No surfing style wet suits are permitted

**Active Leeds School Swimming**

John Charles Centre for Sport  
John Charles Approach  
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LS11 5DJ

Dear Parent or Guardian

In order for your school to prepare for school swimming provision at Active Leeds Leisure Centre's and for us to group children correctly for their lessons in the next academic year, we are asking that you complete the below questions. It is important that your answers are as accurate as possible so we can ensure your child gets the best experience from their school swimming lessons.

Name of your child.....

School Name and Class: St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School and Class 16

1. Does your child currently have swimming lessons? Yes/No (If no go to question 3)
2. If so what is their current stage? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (*please circle*)
3. Does your child any swimming experience? Yes/No
4. Can your child swim unaided (i.e. without armbands or floats etc.)? Yes/No
5. Can your child swim 10 meters on their front and back unaided (i.e. without armbands or floats etc)? Yes/No
6. Can your child swim 25 meters unaided (i.e. without armbands or floats etc.)? Yes/No

Please pass this information directly back to your school for them to communicate a full response on behalf of your school.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with this information.

Yours sincerely

Active Leeds