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Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Swimming

I would like to inform you that your child will be participating in Tees Actives School Swimming Programme at Billingham Forum from Monday 5th July until Friday 16th July (the last two weeks of term).

Children will be placed in groups according to their ability and will participate in 45 minute lessons everyday over a 2 week programme.

Lessons are delivered by Tees Active School Swimming Teachers (ASA Level 2 Swimming Teachers). The pools will be supervised by fully qualified Pool Lifeguards.

School swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and therefore it is kindly requested that parents do not attend Billingham Forum specifically to watch their child participate in school swimming lessons.

Equipment required:

Suitable swimwear.

- Girls - one piece swimsuit.
- Boys - swimming shorts or trunks (no long/baggy shorts or football shorts please)
- Towel. You may want to pack a smaller towel for your child to stand on while they get dry.
- Goggles.
- If using goggles, children must be able to put them on independently
- Please be aware that elements of the school swimming programme will at times require the children to remove their goggles. Teachers may also request for goggles to be removed while instruction is being given, to ensure they have eye contact with children.
- Swimming hat.
- All children must wear a swimming hat.
- Pyjamas (one day only)



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- During the 2 weeks of lessons, your child will be asked to swim in pyjamas as part of our water safety programme.

All jewellery should be removed before swimming to prevent any injury to either your child or another swimmer. All earrings must be removed. The child will not be allowed to enter the pool with earrings in, even if covered up.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's swimming lessons, please contact your child's class teacher.

I hope your child enjoys their swimming experience and is encouraged to continue this essential life skill after the 2 week block has finished.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Edwards