

St. Peter's Primary School



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Dear Parents

Autumn Term 2024 Swimming for Year 4 at Leominster Pool

As part of the school's Physical Education curriculum, we have arranged for Year 4 to take part in swimming lessons at Leominster Pool.

There will be 10 block sessions in October and November as follows:

**Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October
and
Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Friday 18th October**

Studies have shown that swimming each day, in a block, results in much better progress than weekly lessons. It is something that the swimming pool provide regularly and highly recommend. Also, the lessons have been increased to 40 minute lessons so you should see rapid improvement in your child's swimming abilities.

Following our regular reviews of swimming provision, arrangements are as follows:

1. The average cost of providing swimming through the year (pool hire, employing instructors, coach transport and additional staff) is at least £20 per child per lesson. Normal practice in primary schools is that parents are asked to cover the majority of the cost of swimming. However, thanks to a grant from the *Bromyard Swimming Pool Fund* alongside our own *St. Peter's Plus* subsidy and Sports/PE funding, these swimming sessions are reduced to £3.00 per session, £15 per week. **We therefore ask for a payment of just £30.00 per child towards the cost of swimming (£3 per session x 10 sessions).**
2. To improve quality, we have increased the number of instructors employed at the pool from one to two. This means that the class attending will be split roughly equally into three ability groups with two being taught by instructors and one by the class teacher.

We hope you agree that at £30.00 our school swimming provides excellent value and a great opportunity for your child to attend quality lessons, learning an invaluable life skill. However, in order to maintain this price, we do need everyone to pay please, with no exceptions.

Please complete the attached consent and information sheet and return with payment of £30.00 Wednesday 2nd October. You may also pay by card through your MCAS app.

Yours sincerely
Heather Yarnold
Head of School



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Having read the covering letter, I give my consent for

Pupil _____ to attend the swimming sessions as described.

I understand that the full payment of £30.00 will need to be paid by Wednesday 2nd October.

- For safety, hygiene and efficiency reasons, a swimming hat is worn where hair is long or liable to flow into the child's eyes. Long hair **MUST** be tied back and this must be dealt with by the child or parent prior to school – teachers should not be asked to do this.
- Jewellery (including earrings) **MUST BE REMOVED**.
- Boys' swimming shorts should be appropriate for swimming - short and fitting, not long or baggy.
- Girls should wear one-piece swimming suits, not bikini or tankini sets.

I would like my child to be allowed to wear their own swimming goggles

My child can swim at least the width of a standard pool

My child has already gained the following swimming awards / experience of swimming / water outside school:

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Any relevant information (e.g. medical / water concerns):

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I enclose cheque/cash of £30.00
Paid to Three Counties Academy Trust (TCAT)

I have paid £30.00 online via MCAS.

Parent signature

Emergency Contact Number