



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

17th March 2021

Spring Term 2020/2021, Swimming Lessons Year 4 Pear

School swimming lessons for **Year 4 Pear** commence on **Thursday 22nd April** at Perdiswell Leisure Centre. There will be 11 lessons this term ending on **Thursday 8th July 2021**.

We understand you might have some concerns about starting swimming lessons again but please be assured that we are following all guidelines and necessary health and safety advice. Safety is paramount and we have risk assessed as a school and worked with Perdiswell Swimming pool to ensure all safety guidelines at this time are met. You can find a copy of Perdiswell's Swimming Pools Risk Assessment on the PE page on the website. It is now safe to re start swimming lessons with some changes. Children will need to arrive at the pool "beach ready", this means they will need to have their swimwear on underneath their school PE kit. In order to facilitate this we will allow children to safely change in the school toilet cubicles at lunchtime before we leave should they need to. Children can come to school with their swimwear underneath their uniform. Swimsuits could be left at waist height ready to pull up at lunchtime. Children will of course dry and change back into uniform at the pool once the lesson has finished.

It is hoped that all parents of children in Year 4 Pear will be prepared to make a donation of **£12.00** to cover the cost of transport to the lessons. The cost has been adjusted to reflect the missed lessons (6 lessons at £2). Although there is no obligation to contribute and no pupil will ever be omitted from swimming lessons, it is absolutely essential that we receive substantial contributions to ensure that swimming does, in fact, continue at this school. Should we be unable to meet the entire cost from these voluntary contributions, I regret that the full 9 scheduled lessons will not take place. Please pay online at Payments4Schools. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, it will be funded from Pupil Premium.

For safety reasons would you please note the following points:-

- Jewellery or ear studs/sleepers are not allowed to be worn for swimming. As no member of staff is allowed to remove children's ear studs, please make arrangements for him/her to swim without earrings on Thursday afternoons.
- Please ensure that your child has a swimming hat, all girls must wear a swimming hat. The swimming pool will not allow children to swim unless they are clear of head lice.
- Children with a verruca or athletes foot should wear a verruca sock
- Goggles are not usually necessary for normal swimming. However, parents who insist that they are worn must sign a consent form, (overleaf) which states that they are aware of the dangers and difficulties that can occur.

Should you require any further information regarding swimming lessons, please contact me via the school office. I emphasise again that all risks have been assessed and I am satisfied that it is safe for our children to swim.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

Swimming Dates: 22/4, 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 27/5, 10/6, 17/6, 24/6, 1/7, 8/7





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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

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Child's Name:Class.....

I give permission for my child to take part in swimming lessons at Perdisswell Leisure Centre and for them to be taken there by coach.

- I have paid online at P4S Receipt No:.....
- My child is entitled to Free School Meals.

Please tick the appropriate box below - my child:

- Cannot swim
- Can swim unaided
- Can swim 10 metres (width)
- Can swim 25 metres (length)

Signed:Parent/Carer Date:.....

