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Dear Parents,

Swimming Lessons

Before the Christmas holidays, we wrote to you to announce the re-starting of our swimming lessons provision. As you know, that had to be cancelled due to the lockdown measures that were announced. I am now delighted to inform you that from April, we are able to resume the Year 5 swimming provision. Swimming is a statutory part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum and we have been planning to provide this opportunity as soon as timetabling and government guidelines allowed.

Lessons will be provided during the school day as part of PE provision and be held at One Leisure, St Neots. Children will travel by coach there.

The school places the safety of its pupils and staff as its utmost priority. Of equal importance, is being able to minimise the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the education of our children. We have been working closely with One Leisure and the coach company to ensure that the lessons will operate in a Covid-secure way.

As such, the following arrangements are in place for swimming lessons:

- Only one class will swim at any block of time – remaining in their class bubble.
- Equipment at the swimming pool will be sanitized before use.
- Social distancing measures will be in place at the swimming pool.
- Procedures for changing will be different, in line with government guidance – **please send your child to school with their swimming kit on under their uniform.** Children will place their clothes and towel into a basket when they arrive at the pool. They will collect the basket at the end of the lesson and change back into their school uniform, before returning to school. Please remember to put some clean underwear in their bag. The pool is not able to provide showering facilities at this time.
- Both the pool and coach will be cleaned ahead of use by the school.



Each class will have a 6-week block of swimming lessons. **Lessons will take place every Tuesday morning.** Children will be back for lunchtime, so these arrangements will be as normal. Classes will swim for the following blocks of time:

20th April – 25th May TR5

8th June – 13th July CS5

Children in AI5 will swim in the Autumn half-term after the summer holidays, when they are in Year 6.

On your child's swimming day, they will need to bring:

- Towel
- Swimwear **(to be worn to school under school uniform)**
- Change of underwear
- Carrier bag for wet swimwear

Please do not provide your child with goggles. There are practical reasons for this, however, the main reason is that learning to swim without goggles is essential for being able to swim safely and proficiently. Due to government guidelines around changing rooms and communal showers, children will not be able to shower after swimming. Children should attend school as usual with their swimming clothing on under their school uniform.

While the provision of swimming lessons is free to your child, we do request a contribution to the cost of the coach travel to the venue. When it is your class' turn to swim, we will send you a letter about this in advance.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch with either your class teacher, Mr Emmess or Mrs Keefe.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe

