



Class 5 Swimming Lessons

7th June 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

We have secured a 5 week swimming course at Stratford Park Leisure Centre for children in Class 5 starting on **Wednesday 9th June 2021**. All sessions are during school time leaving at 1pm and returning at approximately 2.40pm. There will not be a lesson during the week of PGL: June 23rd. The final lesson will be **Wednesday 14th July**.

The swimming lessons are taken by qualified instructors with groups organised to match the development of the children. The class TA and teacher will accompany the children – we will be within the LA ratio supervision for such a visit.

We apologise for the late notification about this, we have been waiting for pricing information from the Leisure Centre which has still not been received. Once they have advised us we will send a further letter with payment amount/details.

You may wish to consider a packed lunch on swimming days (children generally eat these more speedily) as timing will be important for lessons to start punctually.

Having discussed with Stroud Leisure Centre how we can reduce risk to support our children going swimming, please see the practical arrangements set out below:

- Children will need their swim kit in school on Wednesday. The pool has said they will need to be 'swim ready' when they arrive at the pool. This means children will need to wear their swimming costumes to school or get changed in the toilets at school before leaving. Conventional swimming costumes must be worn – trunks for boys, one-piece costume for girls.
- Jewellery and watches must not be taken to the centre, in light of this request by the pool it may be best not to wear them on swimming days.
- If children need to wear goggles, please write a letter to explain this. Please ensure your child knows how to put on/take off goggles safely and independently.
- A swimming cap is needed for children with long hair. They need to be able to use their swimming cap independently.
- Children will change in 2 separate rooms at the pool after swimming as usual. Pool staff will clean these before we use them.
- Pool staff have timetabled the changing room use so there is a gap between users so schools should not overlap/meet.
- The pool website states that the pool will have a one way system in place, they will run less lessons to support social distancing and swim teachers will teach from poolside.
- The coach will return children to school before the end of the day so pick up time is the usual time.

We look forward to this enjoyable experience and learning a valuable life skill.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Avastu
Headteacher