



Swimming Lessons

14/02/2022

Dear Parents/carers,

We have secured a swimming course at Stratford Park Leisure Centre for children in Class 4 starting on **Thursday 17th March 2022**. All six sessions are during school time leaving at 1pm and returning at approximately 2.40pm. The final lesson will be **Thursday 19th May**. **Please note there will be no swimming sessions on 31st March and 7th April.**

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 –

The cost per child is £42.97 (£7.16 per week) and we would welcome your contribution – Mrs Birch will set this up on ParentPay – you will be able to pay by instalments if you wish. We are not able to accept cash or cheques.

Please consider providing a packed lunch for your child on swimming days (children generally eat these more speedily) as timing will be important for lessons to start punctually.

Stroud Leisure Centre has sent us important information on practical arrangements – please read below:

- *Children 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.*
- *Pupils clothing must be placed on the benches provided.*
- *Jewellery and watches must not be taken to the centre. (In light of this request by the pool please ask children not to wear them on swimming days.)*
- *Children who swim frequently or whose eyes are susceptible to irritation may request to use goggles for swimming. Activities will occur where goggles are not required. Parents are responsible to teach their child to put on and take off goggles in the correct and safe fashion. Please write a brief letter to school if your child wishes to wear goggles.*
- *A swimming cap is needed for any child with long hair. They need to be able to use their swimming cap independently.*

- *Outdoor shoes must not be worn on poolside at any time during the session.*
- *All pupils to shower and use the toilet if required before entering the pool hall.*
- *Children should socially distance from pool staff.*

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

Yours sincerely,
Zoe Avastu