



Tuesday 10th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming Lessons

Recently our Senior Leadership Team met to discuss the Redlands Core Offer with swimming as one of the elements discussed. Previously we have offered swimming to children in Year 5/6; however, it has been agreed that Year 6 have such a busy year with trips, residential and their SATS, that swimming would move to be within Year 4/5 moving forward. To ensure that no children miss out there will be a transition period over the next two academic years where Years 4/5/6 will swim.

Differently to previous years, Redlands have decided to change the structure of swimming for the 2018/2019 academic year, with each class swimming for 1 hour per week over 4 weeks. We believe that this will support the children in getting the most out of each session.

We would like to inform you that swimming lessons have been arranged for Miss Riley's class at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. Lessons will run for a total of 4 weeks starting on **Friday 7th September** and will be as follows:

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Friday	7 th	September 2018
Friday	14 th	September 2018
Friday	21 st	September 2018
Friday	28 th	September 2018

Please keep this letter for reference of the dates for swimming as there won't be a reminder issued. The children will be collected from school at 9am and will arrive back in school at 11am. We are using Total Travel for transport and the children will be accompanied at all times by school staff.

The children will require the following which must be clearly named and in a suitable bag. Leicestershire Education Authority recommends that the children do not wear goggles because they carry considerable risks. Please talk to your child's class teacher if this is a problem for your child.

- ✓ A one-piece swimming costume or trunks (not baggy swim shorts or shorts)
- ✓ A towel
- ✓ Brush or comb
- ✓ Bag for kit

For safety reasons the children must not bring any kind of spray or deodorant etc and must not wear jewellery e.g. earrings (we cannot remove earrings for your child). If your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler it must be available in school and taken to the swimming pool.

Swimming is a curriculum activity and we do not ask for payment for this, however we do provide transport to and from these sessions and therefore we are asking for a **contribution of £10 (£2.50 per session)**; Please make payment via ParentPay by Wednesday 5th September. Due to our decision to extend sessions and reduce the amount of weeks, this cost has been significantly reduced compared to previous years. **If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, a discount has been applied and will be visible on your ParentPay payment item.**

You will have received a form with this letter asking if your child swims or is a non-swimmer. This form **MUST** be sent back to School by **Friday 31st August**. School must receive this completed form before your child(ren) will be allowed to attend the swimming lessons.

Yours sincerely

Katie Bassett
Administration Assistant



Swimming Ability

Your child will not be allowed to swim unless we receive this form back by **Friday 31st August**. Thank you.

I agree to my child participating in the swimming lessons at Soar Valley Leisure Centre starting on **Friday 7th September 2018** for 4 weeks.

Please indicate the most appropriate statement for your child: -

- My child is a non-swimmer
- My child can swim a width
- My child can swim a length
- My child is confident in deep water

We/I agree to my child

- Travelling by bus to South Charnwood Leisure Centre
- Participating in the swimming lessons

Signed below by the person with legal responsibility for the young person:

Signed:..... Date:

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Swimming Goggles Permission

The recommendation by the Local Education Authority is that children do not wear goggles because they do carry considerable risks. They are of the opinion that the hazards to the child and others are probably far in excess of a genuine need for protection. The risks include:

- Goggles of a cheaper variety may shatter in the event of a collision and may result in serious injury.
- Children using goggles do not always understand the correct way of putting them on and taking them off. Cold slippery fingers do not grasp the fittings adequately and a catapult effect can result in eye trauma.
- It is difficult to maintain accurately fitting eye protection therefore contact with water in the swimming pool is almost inevitable.

If you wish your child to wear goggles, please read and sign the following declaration.

I have read and understood the dangers. I accept responsibility for:

- Buying British Institute Kite-Marked swimming goggles.
- Ensuring that my child is trained in the wearing of swimming goggles.

Please note that the teacher in charge will take goggles off your child if they are not being used in the correct manner.

Childs name: Class:.....

Signed: Date: