



13th November 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 Mrs Penniston's class at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. Lessons will run for a total of 4 weeks starting on **Friday 7th December** and will be as follows:

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Friday	7 th	December
Friday	14 th	December
Friday	11 th	January
Friday	18 th	January

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; should you wish your child to wear goggles please see the declaration on the reverse of this letter.

- ✓ 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 log-in to ParentPay by Friday 30th November to give consent for your child to take part and to make payment.** 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.**

Kind Regards

Katie Bassett
Administration Assistant



Swimming Goggles Declaration

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.

I have read and understood the dangers and would still like my child to wear goggles. I accept responsibility for:

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

I understand that I must acknowledge the above declaration by ticking the box on ParentPay, at the point of payment, in order for my child to be allowed to wear goggles during their school swimming lessons.

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

