

Swimming in KS2 – Years 4, 5 and 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a year of renovations Park Road swimming pool will be ready for the children in KS2 to undertake their swimming lessons beginning September, 2015.

In the down period the providers of the swimming lessons have changed the system for teaching children at primary school age so that it will now involve three year groups over the academic year (Years 4, 5 and 6) and not be exclusively in Year 6, as it has in the past.

The children in KS2 will now undertake lessons as follows:

Year Group	Duration
Year 5	September through to February half term
Year 4	February half term through to May half term
Year 6	May half term until end of year

The purpose of this structure is so that those children less confident in the water can be spotted and helped earlier. They are also putting more focus on extending those children who can swim and providing a level of challenge to swimmers of all abilities.

Please can you ensure that if your child is in, or about to enter, any of these year groups that they are provided with the correct equipment:

- Swimming costume or trunks (no Bermuda/surf shorts for boys OR bikinis for girls)
- Towel
- Waterproof bag to contain kit
- Swimming cap
- (Optional) Goggles

Swimming will be held on a Monday morning and the children will be escorted to and from the pool by members of staff.

This is not an optional lesson as the National Curriculum requires that children are provided with these lessons at some point in their primary education, therefore attendance is obligatory.

Parents/Carers will be reminded of this again in curriculum meetings held in September at the start of the new academic year.

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