

18th September 2019

TO PARENTS OF PUPILS IN 4EL

Dear Parents,

KS2 Swimming Lessons

It is a requirement of the National Curriculum that all primary aged children must to be able to swim 25 metres unaided using a recognisable stroke, and we have therefore arranged swimming lessons for our pupils in Year 4, commencing on Wednesday 25th September 2019. We aim to ensure that every child can swim at least 25 metres confidently and learns skills in important aspects of water safety.

The swimming lessons will take place at Northampton High School, on the Newport Pagnell Road, each Wednesday. Lessons will take place during the school day at 11:45am and the children will be walking to and from the pool, supervised by staff.

Walking is covered by the Permission to Leave School Site which you have previously signed, and the children will be accompanied by an appropriate number of adults. If you are available to walk with the children, please let either myself or Mrs Wilding/Mrs Simpson in the Primary Office know.

We have been allocated a time that coincides with our school's lunch break. Therefore, please provide your child with a packed lunch each week. The children will be given time to eat their packed lunch at school on their return from swimming. **If you have ordered a hot dinner you must cancel this on Parentpay in order to obtain a refund – this will not happen automatically. Please note Thursday 19th September is the deadline to cancel for Wednesday 25th September, if you have any problems please call Michelle Dean on 01604 677456.**

The first session will take place on Wednesday 25th September and sessions will continue every Wednesday morning until Wednesday 11th December, except for Wednesday 30th October as this is half term week.

Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume (not bikinis or tankinis) and boys must wear swimming trunks (not shorts). All children **must** wear a swimming hat. Children are required to swim without goggles. However, if your child needs to wear goggles, please send a short email to primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk confirming the reason why and giving your permission for them to do so. Children must be able to put their goggles on themselves. Please note that during the water safety elements of the sessions, every child will be required to swim without goggles to demonstrate that in an emergency they are able to do so.

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Swimming kit will need to be brought to school in a named waterproof bag. Please ensure all items in the bag are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their towel. If your child has a verruca, please provide an appropriate waterproof sock.

We are looking forward to taking our children swimming - we are sure this will be an enjoyable experience for them.

Yours sincerely,

James Wood

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