



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

28th November 2017

Dear Parents

We are changing the way that we offer swimming lessons this year. All children in Year 3 and 4 will be given the opportunity to swim. However, as the National Curriculum requirement is for children to be able to swim 25m, we are offering parents the option to opt out of lessons if they are able to prove that their children can swim 25m (with a certificate or letter from a swimming instructor). If your child cannot swim 25m, they must attend the school swimming lessons. This change is in response to feedback from parents that they do not always feel it is necessary to pay for swimming lessons at school if their children already learn outside of school.

When we know how many children in Year 3/4 wish to take up the offer of swimming lessons, we will offer places to children in higher year groups who cannot swim 25m. We will then also clarify what children not attending swimming lessons will do during this time.

Swimming lessons will be held at Leisure World and will commence Thursday, 11th January 2018 and will continue each week. The coach leaves school at 1pm and returns at 3pm.

The voluntary contribution for swimming is £5.90 per child per session. This can be paid weekly, although it would be helpful if you could pay half-termly. In the first half-term there will be five sessions at a total of £29.50. The second half term will also consist of five sessions at a total of £29.50. Cheques should be made payable to **Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School**.

We will be following a swimming scheme devised by the A.S.A., taught by qualified instructors. This scheme is suitable for all abilities, from non-swimmers to the very capable. The children will need a swimming costume/shorts/trunks and a towel. Please provide armbands if your child needs them.

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school by **Monday 4th December**. You are welcome to give the contribution by this date, but money can come in any time up to the first session. Should you have any problems concerning swimming, please do not hesitate to contact me. We need parent volunteers to accompany the children each week. If you would be able to help, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Bull
Headteacher

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Swimming Spring Term 2018

Please fill in the option that applies to your child (one section only):

Option 1

I give permission for.....(child's name) to have swimming lessons during the Spring half term and to travel there by coach.

I would say that my child is a:

non-swimmer	
beginner	
competent swimmer	
strong swimmer	

Please indicate how far your child can swim:

I enclose £29.50 as a contribution towards the swimming lessons.

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)

Option 2

My child (child's name), can swim 25m and I do not want them to attend school swimming lessons this year.

I have provided the school office with satisfactory evidence that they can swim 25m.

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)

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