



5 March 2019

Dear Year 3 Parents

Year 3 will begin their weekly swimming lessons at Bishop Wand School on Friday 26 April 2019.

As many of you will be aware, swimming is part of the National Curriculum and legally all children must participate. We are fortunate to benefit from an improved swimming environment for the children with lessons running at Bishop Wand School's private school swimming pool. This means only our children and support staff will be using the pool and its facilities.

Swimming will take place on a Friday. The first assessment lesson will take place on Friday 26 April. Following the assessment, the children will be divided into ability based groups. We expect they will be taught in small groups of 6/7 pupils. Non swimmers will be accompanied in the water by a qualified instructor. The following week the groups will have their lessons in the pool, based on the ability groupings and the subsequent timings for lessons.

Each lesson will be 30 minutes long. Groups will travel by approved school transport to and from Bishop Wand School. The groupings will be 20 children at a time. Groups will begin swimming at 9:30am, 10:00am and 10:30am respectively, returning to school straight after their lessons.

To help children please send your child to school in their school uniform with their swimwear underneath. Please send in a towel, goggles, a swimming hat and underclothes. They should take their underclothes, towel, goggles and hat to the pool with them in a named bag.

The school does receive some funding to help cover the cost of delivering swimming lessons, but this does not cover the cost of transport. We would ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£46** per child towards the programme. Although the contribution is voluntary, any unpaid amounts have to be met from the school budget which will affect the amount of money we have available for other resources and equipment for the children. If you feel you will not be able to meet this additional expense, please contact the Finance Manager, Mrs L MacMahon to discuss the level of contribution you can make.

Payment can be made through the on line Tucasi system. If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please send in your payment in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class clearly identified. You may pay in weekly or monthly amounts if this helps.

We have included the list of the swimming dates for Year 3 for you to keep.

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Boys should wear trunks, not loose-fit shorts because it is easier to swim faster in trunks. Goggles are allowed. Swimming hats are essential as we are using a private pool. They help children because hair does not get in their way when they swim and it helps prevent getting headlice which love chlorinated water.

Year 3 Swimming Programme – 2019

The dates are:

Friday 26 April	Assessment
Friday 10 May	Lesson 1
Friday 17 May	Lesson 2
Friday 24 May	Lesson 3

HALF TERM - (27 May – 31 May)

Friday 7 June	Lesson 4
Friday 14 June	Lesson 5
Friday 21 June	Lesson 6
Friday 28 June	Lesson 7
Friday 5 July	Lesson 8
Friday 12 July	Lesson 9

If you are paying online you now have the option to click the NEW button to give your permission. Otherwise please complete the permission slip below and return it to the school as soon as possible

Yours sincerely



Mr R Austin
Head of School

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Name of child: ----- Class: -----

I give permission for my child to attend swimming lessons at Bishop Wand School swimming pool on the specified dates. I understand my child will travel to and from the centre by coach.