18 November 2026

Dear Year 3 Parents

Year 3 will begin their weekly swimming lessons at Eclipse Leisure Centre on Friday 8th January 2027. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and legally all children must participate.

The first assessment lesson will take place on the Friday 8th January 2027. Following the assessment, the children will be divided into ability-based groups. Non-swimmers will be accompanied in the water by a qualified instructor.

Each lesson will be 30 minutes long. Groups will travel as a class by approved school transport to and from Eclipse Leisure Centre. Groups will begin swimming at 9.30am and 10:00am respectively, returning to school straight after their lessons.

Boys should wear trunks, not loose-fit shorts because it is easier to swim faster in trunks. Goggles are allowed. Swimming hats are essential and are insisted upon by the Leisure Centre as they help keep hair out of the way when they swim and it helps prevent getting headlice which love chlorinated water.

Please send your child to school in their PE Kit with their swimwear underneath. Please send in a towel, goggles, swimming hat & underclothes in a named bag.

All swimming lessons will be **fully funded by the school**. The £56 contribution requested is solely to cover transport costs to and from the leisure centre. We appreciate that this is a costly time of year, so we are requesting a £10 deposit by Friday 27th November 2026, with the remaining balance to be paid by Friday 26 February 2027.

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.

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Year 3 Swimming Programme – 2027

The dates are:

Friday 8 January 2027	Lesson 1 (Assessment)
Friday 15 January 2027	Lesson 2
Friday 22 January 2027	Lesson 3
Friday 29 January 2027	Lesson 4
Friday 5 February 2027	Lesson 5
Friday 12 February 2027	Lesson 6
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Friday 26 February 2027	Lesson 7
Friday 5 March 2027	Lesson 8
Friday 12 March 2027	Lesson 9
Friday 19 March 2027	Lesson 10

NB When you pay your £10 deposit you are giving your consent for your child to participate.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bailey
Headteacher