



Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to make you aware of changes to the swimming we offer as part of the PE curriculum.

Years 3-6

We are changing the way in which our swim sessions run for a number of reasons which I have set out below. The majority of children will now swim for half an hour instead of a whole hour. This allows the children to be in smaller groups and work more closely with the swim teachers we employ through the leisure centre. With the number of children in the pool decreasing from 60-30, they have more space and are far more active as their session is more intense. They also now waste less time waiting for their turn.

We have trialled this approach with our Year 5 classes and, although the decision has been driven by the leisure centre, the feedback from staff and pupils has been hugely positive. The children much prefer this new model citing that they didn't get as cold as they were more active and that they enjoyed the intensity of the sessions. The staff commented on the increased concentration and increased changing times. Whilst half the group are swimming, the other half have been reading quietly in the viewing area before getting changed themselves.

This model will be used when Year 6 begin swimming on the 30th January. The timetable has also changed slightly with the addition of the Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation and the rescheduling of a session missed when were forced to open later due to ice before Christmas. A new timetable is below.

Year 2

With our Year 2 classes starting swimming this year, we have arranged for each class to have two sessions. Unlike our junior classes, who travel as a year group by coach, the Year 2 classes will travel by minibus and have the whole hour for just their class of 30. This is due to the higher volume of pupils using the shallow end and learner pool and the expected increase in changing time.

The remaining sessions are set out below.

Year 6	30 th Jan	6 th Feb	20 th Feb	27 th Feb	6 th Mar
Year 3	13 th Mar	20 th Mar	27 th Mar	17 th Apr	24 th Apr
Year 4	Bank Holiday	15 th May	22 nd May	5 th Jun	12 th Jun
Year 2		26 th Jun (C5)	3 rd Jul (C5)	10 th Jul (C6)	17 th Jul (C6)

Note: Year 4's second block will only be 4 weeks so they will have 9 weeks in total not 10. This will be reflected in the parental contribution towards travel.

Many thanks, Mr Stanlake