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Swimming Lessons

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be starting swimming lessons in the Summer term. The KS2 National Curriculum requirement is that all children can perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations and swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres by the end of Year 6. Lessons are a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum, and not optional. These lessons will be the children's second PE session as well as the Friday PE lessons with PH Sports.

We have booked Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Rd, Salisbury SP1 3NR. For more information about Five Rivers Leisure Centre

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/4380/Overview>

The children will be swimming during term time on Thursday mornings, commencing on Thursday 28th April until Thursday 21st July. The swimming lessons start at 11.15am and finish at 11.45am, therefore the children will be back at school for lunchtime. **Please send your child to school with a packed lunch on these days.**

Children will travel in an Assis Minibus, Assisi Travel, 1 Portway, Old Sarum, Salisbury SP4 6BY <https://www.assisitravel.co.uk/> with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Taylor (Teaching Assistant). If Mrs Clarke is not in school, another member of staff will travel with the group.

We have two pools booked, the main pool for confident swimmers and the learner pool for children who need a higher level of support. Both pools have lifeguards to monitor children's safety. We have employed a qualified swimming coach to teach in the learner pool and Mrs Clarke will be teaching the children in the main pool. (Mrs Clarke is also a qualified swimming teacher).

All children will need to bring swimming costume/trunks and a towel for changing.

Costumes must be one piece (no bikinis), trunks or board shorts that are not baggy.

Goggles and a swimming hat are also recommended. Children will need to put their swimming hat on independently, as there is not time for staff to support 24 children putting

on hats. Wearing a hat enables the swimming teachers to easily identify children in the pool.

We are committed to providing access to affordable swimming lessons, and usually the school would ask for a contribution from parents. **This year, we have made the decision, to fully fund all aspects of the lessons. Therefore there will be no charge for swimming lessons.** This decision is currently only applicable for lessons in 2022.

Please confirm by email that you are happy for my child to participate in Swimming lessons and travel by coach no later than Friday 8th April (admin@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk)

If you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact the office. If you need financial support to purchase any of the required resources, please contact Miss Priestley.

Kind regards,

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