



Dear Parents and Carers

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

We are happy to tell you that Y4 will start a ten week block of swimming lessons at Craven Swimming Pool starting after February half-term. **The first session will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** and the last session Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Swimming is a key life skill that all children need; it also forms part of the National Curriculum. For those children who can already swim, lessons are structured so that they have specific tuition to help them build up stamina and improve the quality of their technique. There is an awards system this year that children can work towards. Swimming with school helps children develop their confidence and independence and is an excellent opportunity for them to see how their skills compare to others of the same age.

Children will travel to Skipton by coach (which has safety belts) leaving straight after lunch and returning before the end of the day. They will be accompanied by staff members from school and taught by qualified swimming instructors when at the pool. All necessary risk assessments have been conducted for this activity. Consent is covered by the global consent letter for local visits.

Children need to bring a named suitable swimsuit (no Bermuda shorts or bikinis please) and towel in a plastic bag - there is no need for any hair or body products to be brought! **Pool regulations insist that earrings or any other jewellery must be removed as children will not be allowed to swim wearing them. Swimmers with long hair (including a long fringe) must wear a swim hat.**

The Governing Body has taken the decision to ask parents of children swimming for a **voluntary contribution of £5.25 per session**. This is used to cover part of the costs incurred, as outlined below, and represents good value for money for a 45 minute lesson in a small group. Historically, the requested contribution has been less but that was for a 30 minute lesson. Schools have a relatively small amount of money and have large demands on their budget. The majority of the school budget is used for staffing costs and learning resources. The Governors at Sutton CP are keen to provide our children with lots of opportunities to extend and enhance their learning and the school budget simply does not stretch to all of these. Similar to Governors from other local primary schools, we have decided to ask for **voluntary contributions** - in this way we can make our money go further. Regardless of the size of your child's class, the voluntary contribution requested is the same across Key Stage 2 (overall school makes no profit from organizing swimming lessons - \*see below).

No child will be excluded from an activity during the school day if a parent is unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient contributions are received, swimming lessons for the whole class may have to be cancelled. **We would ask for the contribution of £52.50 to be made via ParentPay by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the very latest.** If you would like to set up a payment plan to pay in either 2 or 3 instalments, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

*Fiona Beetles*

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Headteacher

*Costings	Number of children: 32	Cost per head per 45 minute lesson
Entrance	£40.00	£1.25
Transport	£117.00	£3.66
Insurance	£12.16	£0.38
Swimming teachers x 2	£28.80	£0.90
Total	£197.96	£6.19
<b>*Minimum voluntary contribution across KS2</b>		<b>*£5.25</b>



Sutton in Craven Community Primary School