



Dear Parents and Carers

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We are happy to tell you that Y5 will start a five week block of swimming lessons at Craven Swimming Pool starting after May half-term. **The first session will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June;** the last one on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. There will be no session on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

Swimming is a key life skill that all children need; it also forms part of the PE Curriculum. For some children this is their first swimming experience; 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. 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 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 a 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 to cover part of the costs incurred (detailed below); please contribute what you are able. We would recommend a contribution of **£5.25 per session** as, if we received this for each pupil, the impact on the school budget would be manageable. This represents good value for money for a 45-minute lesson in a small group and transport to the pool.

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. Unfortunately, the school cannot provide regular swimming lessons across KS2 without significant contributions from parents towards the costs.

We will, therefore, need to make a judgement as to whether lessons can go ahead based on the amount we receive before the sessions start. No child will be excluded from any activity during the school day on the basis that a parent is unwilling or unable to contribute.

**We would ask for the recommended contribution of £26.25 for the 5 sessions to be made via ParentPay by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the very latest.** If you would like to set up a payment plan to pay in instalments, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

Fiona Beetles  
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>*Recommended voluntary contribution across KS2</b>		<b>*£5.25</b>