



Dear Parents and Carers

13th May 2021

We are happy to tell you that Y6 will be starting a six week block of swimming lessons at Craven Swimming Pool; the first session will be on **Thursday 27th May** and the last session Thursday 8th July. We are aware that the class has not had as much opportunity to learn this essential life skill or develop their swimming abilities further due to the restrictions and are, therefore, delighted that we can offer this to Y6. The team at the swimming pool has put in a lot of safeguards and new procedures to make sure the experience is 'Covid secure' and the children will be briefed in advance of what to expect.

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 updated global consent letter for local visits which is attached - please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

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 £3.50 per session. This is primarily used to cover the cost of transport to the swimming pool and represents good value for money for a 45 minute lesson in a small group. 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 £21.00 to be made via ParentPay by Wednesday 26th May latest.

Kind regards

Fiona Beetles
Headteacher

*Costings	Number of children: 32	Cost per head per lesson
Entrance	£27.20	£0.85
Transport	£117.00	£3.65
Insurance	£12.16	£0.38
Swimming teachers	£19.20	£0.60
Total	£175.36	£5.48
*Minimum voluntary contribution across KS2		*£3.50



Sutton in Craven Community Primary School