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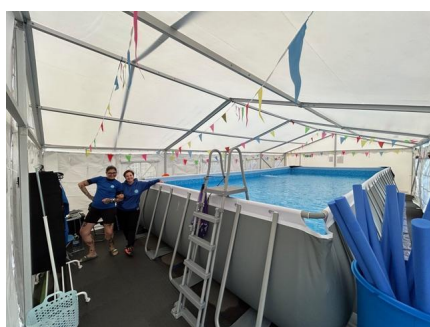
Dear Parents,

Re. Swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 - Autumn Term 2026

I am delighted to inform you that swimming lessons will take place for Year 3 and Year 4 **in Autumn 1 2026 between Monday 7th September 2026 and Friday 23rd October 2026**. As you may have seen in the last academic year, we will once again be installing a temporary pop-up swimming pool on the school grounds.

As you may be aware, pupils should be taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke) and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations by the time they leave Year 6.

Most schools offer swimming lessons during either lower or upper Key Stage 2. Children will be given the opportunity to swim in Year 3 or 4. The pool will be conveniently located on the lower playground. Below, you'll find images of an example of a pop-up swimming pool and pop-up changing tents the children will use (which will be located in the Learning Zones by the year 4 classrooms, near the lockers).



Each child will receive 10 swimming sessions, each lasting 30 minutes over a period of 6 weeks. In the next couple of weeks, we will provide you with further details, including the specific dates and times for your child's swimming slot, what they will need to bring and a consent form to complete.

We are also pleased to offer additional sessions for non-swimmers in Year 5 and Year 6, as well as selected children with special educational needs (SEND) from across the school.

It is much more convenient for the children and ensures consistent swimming lessons, something we have struggled with in the past due to transport issues when travelling to Arnos Pool as well as last minute cancellations. By having the pool on-site, we can also offer better support, with small groups of 10 children per class, grouped according to their swimming ability with children being in the pool for longer which will hopefully mean more progress. The lessons will be led by a qualified swimming instructor, with a lifeguard on duty, ensuring a high-quality and safe experience for the children.

In addition, we are excited to offer swimming as part of an enrichment club during the first half of Autumn Term.

Please complete this [form](#) with all the relevant information by Friday 3rd July to help ensure your child will be successful and get the most out of the swimming lessons. This will enable us to allocate groups and give you information before the end of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or face-to-face.

Kind regards,

James Keane
PE Subject Leader