



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

11 September 2018

Dear Parent

Y5/6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for invited Year 5/6 swimmers will take place at Stamford Endowed School Pool every Monday afternoon, starting on the 17 September 2018. These will run until the children have achieved the National Standard of swimming competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke] and performing safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Children will need to bring with them a towel, trunks (fitted please, not surf style) or one-piece swimming costume (not bikinis), goggles if required, and a swimming hat in a bag/rucksack. Girls should have their hair tied back and no children should use any hair products such as gel, wax or hair spray. Swimming will be taking place on a Monday afternoon and children will leave school at 1.40pm and return by 3.20/3.25pm. Please prepare children by informing them that they will be getting changed and showered in front of other children of the same gender as cubicles may not be available for use. We realise some children may find this embarrassing, and may need support in developing confidence or effective use of their towel. Children should remove their earrings before school on swimming days (unless it is less than eight weeks since they were pierced).

Under the school's new Charging & Remissions Policy, swimming lessons are classed as essential as they are designed to fulfil a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum. The school therefore pays for the cost of the swimming pool hire, lifeguards and swimming instructors. However, we request parents to assist us with the cost of transport in the sum of £2.00 per child per week. This is a voluntary contribution and no child will be excluded from the event if the parent is unwilling or unable to pay the contribution. If you wish, you can pay either weekly or in one lump sum. If any swimming lessons are cancelled unexpectedly, we will refund any contribution you have already made for that week.

As we do not know how quickly your child will achieve the required objectives, it will be best for parents to pay weekly for their child's swimming lessons. Please therefore hand £2.00 to the office each week for the duration of your child's swimming lessons.

We are very much looking forward to helping the children continue with their swimming journey, and if you have any questions or enquiries about these sessions please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Peck.

Yours sincerely

Sue Brown and Chelsea Peck
Swimming Leaders