



6th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming Lessons

Last year, our Senior Leadership Team changed the Redlands Core Offer to incorporate swimming within the Year 4/5 Academic years as opposed to the previous Year 5/6. This decision was made on the basis that Year 6 have such a busy year with trips, residential and their SATS. To ensure that no children miss out there is be a transition period where Years 4/5/6 will swim, with the 2019/2020 academic year being the second year within this transition.

In the same way as last year, Redlands' swim structure will consist of each class swimming for 1 hour per week over 4 weeks. We believe that this supported the children in getting the most out of each session and therefore feel that it is the best structure to continue with moving forward.

We would like to inform you that swimming lessons have been arranged for Miss Stretton's class at Soar Valley Leisure Centre. Lessons will run for a total of 4 weeks starting on **Friday 24th January 2020** and will be as follows:

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Friday	24 th	January
Friday	31 st	January
Friday	7 th	February
Friday	14 th	February

Please keep this letter for reference of the dates for swimming as there won't be a reminder issued. The children will be collected from school at 9am and will arrive back in school at 11am. We are using Total Travel for transport and the children will be accompanied at all times by school staff.

The children will require the following which must be clearly named and in a suitable bag. Leicestershire Education Authority recommends that the children do not wear goggles because they carry considerable risks. Please talk to your child's class teacher if this is a problem for your child.

- ✓ A one-piece swimming costume or trunks (not baggy swim shorts or shorts)
- ✓ A towel
- ✓ Brush or comb
- ✓ Bag for kit

For safety reasons the children must not bring any kind of spray or deodorant etc and must not wear jewellery e.g. earrings (we cannot remove earrings for your child). If your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler it must be available in school and taken to the swimming pool.

Swimming is a curriculum activity and we do not ask for payment for this, however we do provide transport to and from these sessions and therefore we are asking for a **contribution of £12 (£3 per session)**; Please make payment via ParentPay by Friday 17th January. Due to our decision to extend sessions and reduce the amount of weeks, this cost has been significantly reduced compared to previous years. **If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, a discount has been applied and will be visible on your ParentPay payment item.**

Yours sincerely

Katie Bassett
Administration Assistant



Swimming Goggles Declaration

The recommendation by the Local Education Authority is that children do not wear goggles because they do carry considerable risks. They are of the opinion that the hazards to the child and others are probably far in excess of a genuine need for protection. The risks include:

- Goggles of a cheaper variety may shatter in the event of a collision and may result in serious injury.
- Children using goggles do not always understand the correct way of putting them on and taking them off. Cold slippery fingers do not grasp the fittings adequately and a catapult effect can result in eye trauma.
- It is difficult to maintain accurately fitting eye protection therefore contact with water in the swimming pool is almost inevitable.

I have read and understood the dangers and would still like my child to wear goggles. I accept responsibility for:

- Buying British Institute Kite-Marked swimming goggles.
- Ensuring that my child is trained in the wearing of swimming goggles.

I understand that I must acknowledge the above declaration by ticking the box on ParentPay, at the point of payment, in order for my child to be allowed to wear goggles during their school swimming lessons.

Please note that the teacher in charge will take goggles off your child if they are not being used in the correct manner.