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Dear Families

Swimming Arrangements for Year 5

In line with National Curriculum expectations, our Year 5 pupils will be undertaking swimming sessions this term and we are pleased be able to share the relevant details with you. The sessions will run each week starting on week commencing **19th February** at the Oratory School, Woodcote. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop and hone their skills in a fantastic setting. **Chestnut** class will swim on *Monday* mornings and **Sycamore** class will swim on *Wednesday* mornings.

What will my child need to bring each week?

Each week the children will need to bring a swimming costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat. If your child requires any medication, such as an asthma inhaler, please ensure that they bring it to school with their name on. Please note that children will need to remove their earrings/jewellery before they swim or cover earrings with waterproof plasters from home. If this causes difficulty, they should leave their earrings out on the day. Verrucas should be covered with either a normal or verruca sock. Goggles may only be worn if parents send a letter stating that they give permission for their child to wear goggles due to sensitivity to chlorine.

What is the cost?

Our school uses some of its Sports Premium funding to cover the significant cost of hiring the pool and its instructors. The cost of hiring transport for all schools has increased dramatically, though, which means that we will be asking for a larger contribution from parents as compared to last year. The cost for 10 sessions will be £33.50. Should you find it helpful, we are able to offer you the opportunity to pay in instalments. It goes without saying that we are sorry that we are required to do this at a time when many families are experiencing difficulties associated with the cost of living.

How can I grant permission for my child to swim/How can I go about making a voluntary contribution?

Permission and payment can easily be given via the School Gateway. Alternatively, you could complete and return the slip below. Please contact the school office if you would like to pay in instalments.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

With kind regards

Mr Knight
Headteacher

Year 5 Swimming 2023/24

I give permission forin..... class, to swim at The Oratory School in terms 4, 5 and 6.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £33.50 (please tick)

I enclose a permission letter for my child to wear goggles Yes/No (please circle)

Signed Date

We are committed to delivering education of the highest quality that supports and challenges all pupils to learn and progress in a secure and happy environment.
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