



Dear parents/ carers

Following the basic information in today's newsletter about swimming, this letter should give more detail.

Swimming is an essential part of the National Curriculum so I am really pleased we are able to have the pool back at school – at a hopefully warmer time of year!

Please note – swimming is not optional. It is a legal part of the national curriculum.

Starting **Monday 3rd June** for **3 weeks**:

Each Key Stage 2 class will have opportunities to swim. The older children will get more opportunities. Due to Year 6 residential, the timetables are slightly different each week. We will send weekly reminders of swimming days.

Sessions will be about 30minutes long and the first session will be an assessment session to enable groups to be put together that are based on swimming ability and confidence. These will be mixed gender groups.

What does my child need?

Swimming costume

Towel

Swimming hat (we will have a small number available in school to borrow)

Goggles (optional)

A large carrier bag

All of the above must be named.

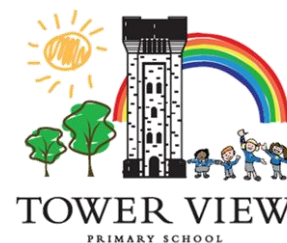
(If they come wearing their kit they will need to bring their underwear with them!)

Children should come to school in PE clothes that are quick to change in and out of on swimming days (slip on shoes if possible!)

How will the sessions run?

Children will get changed in the KS2 toilets – these have toilet cubicles for those children who do not wish to change in front of others. The floors will be regularly cleaned and dried throughout the days.

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We suggest that children wear their swimming costumes to school under their clothes.

They will change and then take their clothes into the pool area in bags.

After swimming they will collect their bag and go back to get changed again.

Questions:

Can any swimming costume be worn?

- Costumes should not be 2 piece bikinis
- Swimming shorts should not be longer than the knee

What about earrings?

- I have spoken to the pool providers about this. They recommend that earrings are removed if they can be – **please send your child without earrings if you can.**

If your child has only recently had their ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings – they must be covered with plasters. The chemicals in the pool may discolour some earrings so please keep a close eye on your child’s ears!

What are children expected to be able to achieve?

The national Curriculum targets for children in primary school are:

- swim a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Timetable:

w/c 3.6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15-10:15	5CD	5CD	5CD	5CD	6CG
10:25-11:25	5OD	5OD	5OD	5OD	6SJ
11:25-12:25	4AH	4AH	4RW	4RW	3CW
1:10-2:10	6CG	6CG	6CG	6CG	X
2:10-3:10	6SJ	6SJ	6SJ	6SJ	X

w/c 10.6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15-10:15	5CD	5CD	5CD	5CD	6CG
10:25-11:25	5OD	5OD	5OD	5OD	6SJ
11:25-12:25	4AH	4AH	4RW	4AH	3IR
1:10-2:10	4RW	4RW	Y6	6CG	X
2:10-3:10	Y6	Y6	TBC	6SJ	X

w/c 17.6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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10:25-11:25	5OD	5OD	5OD	5OD	6SJ
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1:10-2:10	6CG	6CG	6CG	6CG	X
2:10-3:10	6SJ	6SJ	6SJ	6SJ	X

The session for Year 3 will be a simple water confidence session.