

Dear Year 4 Parents/Carers,

As part of the PE curriculum, all schools must provide swimming lessons. We are pleased to inform you that Year 4 will be attending Billingshurst Leisure Centre for lessons on Thursday mornings in the new half term until February half term. Swimming lessons are compulsory for all children. During the lessons they will be learning 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]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

The school will subsidise the cost of the pool hire and swimming teachers but we will need to ask for a small contribution from parents towards the coach of £67.10 (£5.17 per session for thirteen sessions) by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. It is vital that parents contribute to avoid the school having to divert much needed funds from other areas.

Please see the payment details on your MyChildAtSchool account. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, this payment will be funded by Pupil Premium. However, you will still need to give your consent via your MyChildAtSchool account.

Swimming lessons will commence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and will run until Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Please send your child to school at the usual time wearing their swimming kit under their school uniform. Girls must wear a swimming costume and boys must wear trunks or swimming shorts (NOT baggy). Jewellery MUST NOT be worn. Long hair must be tied up.

They will need to bring the following items in a bag:

- Spare underwear
- · Towel
- Swimming cap
- Goggles (optional will need to put them on and off by themselves)
- Hairbrush if applicable.

We hope that the children enjoy taking part.

Kind regards,

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