



Riverside Primary School

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Dear Parents in Years 3 and 4

Swimming Lessons – Years 3 and 4 - Summer 1

I am writing to let you know about our swimming curriculum which will commence after the Easter term. Since 1994, swimming and water safety has been a statutory element of the national curriculum for physical education in England. This means that every 11-year old child should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming with friends and family. Swimming is the only sport to be included within the national curriculum physical education programme of study. As a school, we feel we are in a privileged position in so much that we can offer the national curriculum and beyond due to having a pool on site.

An overview of our swimming provision across the school is in the table below.

| When | Who | How long? | Focus |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| April to May | Year 3 and 4 | 30 mins per week | Swimming Curriculum |
| May to July | EYFS, Years 1 and 2 | 20 mins per week | Water confidence and early swimming curriculum |
| Sept to Oct | Years 5 & 6 | 20 mins per week | Water Safety and Life saving skills |

This year's contribution for Years 3 and 4 will be £42.00 per child (which equates to £7.00 per 30 minute session). This price has not increased from 2024. Payment can be made in three installments of £14.00 each which are payable on the following dates:

- 1st Installment - *Date*
- 2nd Installment - *Date*
- 3rd Installment - *Date*

Lessons will start on *date* Year 3 (Tiger and Panda classes) will swim every Tuesday, Giraffe Class will swim every Thursday and Turtle class will swim every Friday.

Contribution

Whilst we appreciate the contribution can be a lot to find, we ask you to bear in mind the following:

- The school considers itself very fortunate to have a swimming pool – many primary schools do not. Some schools take their children off-site to distant pools with transportation costs being met by the parents and much learning time being lost.
- The contribution represents very good value in terms of cost per lesson. We understand other local schools ask for a much higher contribution towards swimming lessons for their pupils.
- Contributions for swimming lessons go towards the overall cost to maintain and run the swimming pool which will increase significantly with the rise in energy prices.

We ask for contributions early to give parents every opportunity to make their payment. It also gives the school the opportunity to approach those parents, who have yet to make a contribution, before swimming commences, and make a whole school decision (based on the financial position) as to whether swimming can take place.

Should it be hard for you to meet this cost or you wish to pay by instalments, we ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible where we can work with you to accommodate this

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to make a Gift Aid contribution in your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, please complete the [linked form here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Claire Smith
Headteacher

