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Wednesday 7th September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian(s) of ……..

Year 4CP Swimming – Autumn Term 2022/23

I am delighted to inform you that your child has been provided with the opportunity to attend swimming sessions, with the school, to support them in obtaining the National Curriculum requirement of 25 meters. These sessions will run from **Wednesday 14th September through to Wednesday 14th December** These sessions have been funded through targeted use of our Sports Premium as we want to support children in boosting their confidence as swimmers in light of the challenges presented by Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support in providing the children with opportunities to further developing their swimming outside of school.

For your information:

- Sessions are held at Stechford Swimming Baths.
- Children leave school at 1pm and return at approximately 2:30pm and travel via private hire coach.
- The swimming lesson lasts for 30 minutes.
- Year 4 class teachers and teaching assistants will accompany the children and will each teach a group.
- In addition, two qualified swimming instructors each teach two groups.
- On their first session, the children will be assessed based on their swimming ability and grouped accordingly.
- Children should bring with them:
  - A towel.
  - A swim suit for girls/swim shorts for boys. Girls swim suits should be one piece, **not bikinis**. Swimwear should not be white as they can become translucent. Boys swim shorts must not be below the knee. If at all possible, please avoid buying blue swimming shorts/costumes for your children. These have been proven difficult to see underwater in case of emergencies.
  - Goggles (do not buy these especially).
  - Inhaler if asthmatic.
- No jewellery should be worn to school on swimming days.
- Children are to come to school in their PE Kit on swimming days.

Parents of children who are asthmatic and use an inhaler; it is imperative that we have an inhaler at school to keep and be taken on swimming trips. If we do not have an inhaler in school for your child your child will not be permitted to take part.

Yours sincerely,

J Poole

Mr J Poole
Phase 5 & 6 Lead
PE Lead