



Wheatcroft Primary School



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Swimming – Year 4

Dear Parents

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and it is a requirement that schools make it available to all children where physically possible. We are not able to opt out of this part of P.E. any more than we are ball skills or running. Although we appreciate that many children have swimming lessons outside of school this does give extra support to the children when we are concentrating on delivering water safety and associated skills. This is a requirement we have to ensure we deliver as part of the National Curriculum to all children.

In light of all the recent restrictions, we are aware that children may not have had much access to swimming lessons and we want to make sure that our children are given the opportunity to develop this important skill.

We have made arrangements with Fanshawe Pool, Ware for our Year 4 children (Miss Clarke's Class) to have a total of 7 lessons during the Spring Term 2022. The lessons will be held on the below dates, starting 12th January 2022. Please note the last two lessons are after the February half term break. The children will travel by school minibus to and from the Swimming Pool.

12 th January	19 th January	26 th January	2 nd February	9 th February	23 rd February	2 nd March
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Due to support from the Wheatcroft PTFA which means we can use our own minibuses, we are able to keep costs to a minimum. Costs for these lessons will be **£18.90**, payable on School Gateway. Payment should be made prior to the lessons starting 12th January 2022.

Please [click here](#) to complete the Google Form to give permission for your child to attend the swimming lessons.

Swimwear:

Children with long hair are required to use a swimming hat. These are available from the school office at a cost of £2.00. **The pool has asked us to ensure that all children are equipped with the correct swimwear to enhance lessons. Single piece costumes are a requirement for girls and swimming trunks for the boys. Swimming shorts are not appropriate for lessons.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Miller
Headteacher