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Year 3 Swimming

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very pleased to let you know that Year 3 will participate in swimming lessons in the Summer Term. In the past, children have been taught to swim in Year 5, however as swimming is such an essential potentially life-saving skill, we have decided to move this learning so that children are taught at a younger age. Not only could swimming save your child's life, it is also an enjoyable sport which will hopefully develop health and confidence. Learning to swim also opens the door to a range of other activities.

Swimming will take place at the Oaklands Community Pool. The children will be walked to and from Oaklands, and we have exclusive use of the pool. Swimming sessions will take place on **Friday afternoons** throughout the Summer Term (excluding half term and the bank holiday). The first session will take place on **Friday 24 April** and last session will be on **Friday 10 July**.

All children will need the following:

- Towel
- Swimming costume (girls must not bring a bikini style costume)
- Swimming cap
- Suitable bag for these to go in (we recommend a plastic bag for wet items)
- Goggles and earplugs are optional
- All jewellery **MUST** be removed
- Only roll-on deodorants please

Children will be responsible for their own bags and will need to remember to take everything with them and bring it back. Children should take their bag home with them after swimming so that items can be cleaned and dried. When they are dry, the children should put it back in their school locker ready for their next swimming session. Swimming lessons are a component of the National Curriculum so children will need to participate and have their swimming bag with them in school every Friday.

If there are any changes to your child's medical history, please see the school office to update your child's medical form. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding swimming.

Best wishes,

Laura Milford