

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Year 6 P.E. Curriculum, the children have swimming lessons. The children love going swimming as they have the opportunity to develop their confidence in the water, learn new swimming skills or to improve their current swimming performance.

It is a Government expectation that by the end of Year 6, children must be able to swim at least 25 metres confidently and as swimming is part of the National Curriculum, these lessons are not optional. This means the children should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming.

The school has looked into a number of different options to ensure the best possible teaching for the children as well as value for money. We have decided that the children will have their one hour swimming lessons, with a qualified instructor at Seahaven Swimming Pool in Newhaven.

Swimming lessons for Mrs Middleton:

Monday 20th May Monday 3rd June Tuesday 11th June Tuesday 18th June

Swimming lessons for Mrs Beeching:

Wednesday 22nd May Tuesday 4th June Wednesday 12th June Wednesday 19th June

Travel arrangements

In order to support everyone's safety and avoid travelling on public transport, we have decided to continue to hire a coach to take the children to and from the pool. This worked exceptionally well last year as it meant parents and carers did not need to drop their children off at the pool and also meant the children returned quickly to school and continue with their learning.

The coach will leave the school at 8.40am from the main school entrance on Roderick Avenue North, so please make sure your child is at this entrance by 8.35am at the latest. The class teacher will be there to meet children from 8.25am to ensure the coach leaves on time ready for their swimming lesson which starts promptly at 9am. Due to availability, the swimming lesson on Monday 20th May for Mrs Middleton's class is taking place in the afternoon so the children should arrive at school as normal. 6M will return to school in time for the end of the day, but will notify you via the School Jotter if they are going to be late.

If you arrive late and after the coach has left, you will need to make your own arrangements to drop your child off at the swimming pool.

Cost

The swimming lessons and the cost of the coach is being full funded by the school so there are no contributions needed from parents or carers.

For more information, please see the <u>swimming FAQs</u> on the school website.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Best wishes
Mrs Middleton and Mrs Beeching