



22 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming at Saltford School

We are really looking forward to the re-opening of our pool and being able to offer our children the vital life skill of swimming lessons during term 6. We are very appreciative of your support in moving this forward. We have drawn up a timetable for swimming which can be accessed on our website [here](#). Please take note of when your child/children will be swimming to ensure that they have the appropriate clothing available on their swimming day as we do not have the capacity to contact home for forgotten costumes, etc with so many children swimming. The required kit is:-

- A one-piece swimming costume or trunks – no bikinis
- A named towel
- A named swimming hat (use permanent marker to name)
- A waterproof bag to be sent in with the child's swimming kit weekly
- No jewellery is to be worn

As highlighted in our previous [letter](#), it is an important safety requirement to complete the swimming questionnaire for each child to inform our lesson groups. If you have not yet completed this, you would have received an email last week as a reminder and details of the links. The final deadline for this is **midday on Friday 26th April**. After that time your child may not be placed in the appropriate group.

Swimming is an educational activity and part of the national curriculum. As a school we will report on your child's progress in swimming on their annual report. As such, it is important that children attend their swimming lessons. We know children swim outside of school (as they take part in clubs for other sports) but we would only consider withdrawal from swimming for medical reasons. Please contact Mrs Sage if this is the case, so we can ensure we are able support and fund the swimming programme at our school.

Your support is very much appreciated. We are therefore requesting the following:-

1. Helpers to support lessons – please see role sheet on our website [here](#). If you wish to volunteer you **must** hold a valid DBS with the school. To keep a DBS valid it is a requirement to help in school in any capacity eg reading, book swap, etc with no longer than a 3-month gap. Therefore, if you have previously been a swimming volunteer but not volunteered in the last three months, this will no longer be valid. Application packs are available from the school office. Please see the table below for the links to sign up.
2. The cost of swimming lessons is £3.00 per lesson per child. No child will be refused swimming on the grounds that their parents do not wish to make a financial contribution, but unless a substantial number of parents wish their child to take part and are willing to make a financial contribution, swimming will have to be cancelled. Payment can be made via MyChildAtSchool under the Products, School Products section. If you are able to contribute any additional funds, this would of course be much appreciated. Please see the table below.

EYFS/KS1

Class	Volunteer Link	Number of Sessions	Cost
Bumblebee	https://volunteersignup.org/DTWBJ	7	£21.00
Butterfly	https://volunteersignup.org/FTWPP	7	£21.00
Apple	https://volunteersignup.org/T7CEA	7	£21.00
Pear	https://volunteersignup.org/HFAT3	7	£21.00
Palm	https://volunteersignup.org/XCCWF	7	£21.00
Cherry	https://volunteersignup.org/TBHWQ	7	£21.00

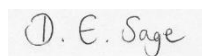
KS2

Class	Volunteer Link	Number of Sessions	Cost
Sycamore	https://volunteersignup.org/QXQTK	7	£21.00
Maple	https://volunteersignup.org/HXFEE	7	£21.00
Lime	https://volunteersignup.org/99BX8	7	£21.00
Willow	https://volunteersignup.org/R7E7C	7	£21.00
Elm	https://volunteersignup.org/FWJDK	6	£18.00
Horse Chestnut	https://volunteersignup.org/HMED4	6	£18.00
Ash	https://volunteersignup.org/YCMDA	5	£15.00
Oak	https://volunteersignup.org/84HCP	5	£15.00

Classes in Years 5 and 6 have less than 7 sessions due to other commitments, eg Year 6 camp. Unfortunately the logistics of arranging a change for these dates is unfortunately not possible.

If you have any further questions with regards to swimming, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Yours faithfully



D Sage
Headteacher