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Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This half term, your child will be attending swimming lessons with their class at Whitworth Leisure Centre for a six-week block. Lessons will begin on Tuesday 15th September. The final lesson will take place on Tuesday 20th October.

Swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and an essential life skill. It is therefore important that all children attend their lessons regularly.

Please ensure your child brings the following items each week:

- Swimming trunks (not shorts) or a one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis)
- A towel
- A swimming cap

All children are required to wear a swimming cap. These are not currently available to purchase at the leisure centre, so please ensure you buy one in advance.

For health and safety reasons, earrings must not be worn during swimming lessons and cannot be covered with plasters. Please ensure that any earrings are removed at home before your child comes to school.

If your child needs to wear goggles, please complete a Goggle Permission Letter, which is available from the school office. While we understand that many children wear goggles at swimming clubs, they are generally discouraged during school swimming lessons. This is because part of the swimming curriculum focuses on learning how to stay safe and confident in the water without the use of goggles.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us at the school gate after school.

Many thanks,

Miss Griffiths / Mrs Devine

Class Teachers



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