



Witton Church Walk Church of England Primary School

28th March 2018

Dear Parents,

SWIMMING LESSONS – Year 3/4 (Mrs Westron)

As from Tuesday 17th April, all years 3 and 4 pupils will be swimming at Sir John Deane's Pool. Your dates are 20th April, 27th April, 11th May, 18th May, 25th May, 8th June, 15th June and the 22nd June. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Westron, Mrs Puffer and Mrs Landon..

We will be walking to and from the pool – leaving school at approximately 1.30 and returning at approximately 3.30.

Your child will need a towel and either a swimming costume or trunks, please note NOT Bermuda shorts or trunks with pockets, as these tend to inflate and could be dangerous. Please ensure that all swimwear and towels are labelled and carried in a strong bag. It is advisable that they have a coat in school for our walk to and from the pool.

Following recent enquiries as to whether children may wear goggles for school swimming, we have clarified the position with Cheshire's Sports Advisor, Shelagh Jones. The advice is as follows:

The British Association of Advisors and Lecturers in Physical Education and Cheshire's policy is that pupil's should not wear goggles for swimming.

Reasons given:

- Pupils would not have goggles in their pockets if they did fall into water
- Usually lessons are for 30 mins duration so the pupils are not exposed to the water for a long time
- Nationally a number of pupils have been blinded by goggles when they been flicked by other pupils. In swimming lessons in the evening usually parents are present to supervise the pupils until they are with the instructor at the pool. This is not the case for school swimming. In some cases pupil e.g. boys may not be closely supervised at the pool because the staff are all female.

Pupils whose eyes react badly to the water are able to wear goggles if they bring a doctors note.

To comply with the above guidance, we would ask that if you still wish your child to wear goggles, they will need a doctor's note.

Please try to leave all watches and jewellery at home on swimming days, as the class teachers cannot be responsible for these items.

If your child needs to carry an inhaler please make sure that it is clearly named.

Learning to swim is not an optional extra, it is a requirement of the National Curriculum, but we do need your permission to take your child off the school premises, therefore we would be grateful if you would sign and return the permission slip below **by** Monday 16th April please.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Parr



SWIMMING AT SIR JOHN DEANE'S POOL Summer term 2018

I give permission for my child _____
to take part in the swimming lessons and to walk to Sir John Deane's College.

Signed _____ Parent/guardian