



14th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming Lessons at White Oaks Leisure Centre - Beech Class

We are pleased to have been able to secure swim lessons at White Oaks Leisure Centre for all of our classes throughout the academic year. This will be for half an hour, every Wednesday afternoon for 12 sessions. The first session for Maple class children, will be on **Wednesday 4th December 2024** and the last session will be on **Wednesday 12th March 2025**. We will travel to and from White Oaks via the school minibus.

White Oaks Leisure Centre have asked all schools to now book a minimum of 12 lessons. They have found that children make far better progress with their swimming when they swim across two terms consecutively. The results of what the children have achieved will be sent to each parent. **Please note that all children will now need to wear a swimming hat to take part in swim lessons. These can be purchased from White Oaks for £2, or you can buy your child their own swim hat which they must bring and wear each week. All jewellery should be removed, including stud earrings.**

The cost of the sessions will be **£52.00** per child, which covers the hire of two pools, teaching and main, three swimming instructors and transport to and from the Centre. The children will receive a total of 12 swim lessons, which equates to approximately £4.33 per swim session, including travel. **Payment should be made via our School Gateway platform, under 'Beech Class Swim Lessons Dec 2024-March 2025'. To ease the cost of the swim sessions, we have set-up the payment to be paid in increments for you, but you must pay for all 12 sessions even if your child does not attend all of them, as school will be charged.** We will leave the payment open until the end of Term 4, which will be **Friday 7th March 2025**, which gives you five months to spread the payment cost

Please note that it is a national curriculum expectation that all children 'must swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres'. Therefore, the expectation is that ALL children should attend swim lessons. Please let Mrs Doherty in the school office know as soon as possible, if there is any reason why your child cannot attend.

At the end of their swim lessons, children will quickly rinse under the shower with water, no shampoos or shower gels are allowed. Please ensure your child brings the following items in a suitable bag:

- **Boys** – swimming trunks, a towel, and a swimming hat are mandatory. Goggles are recommended.
- **Girls** – a one-piece swimming costume, a towel and swimming hat are mandatory. Goggles are recommended.

Please let your child's class teacher know your child's swimming ability; you can put a note in their contact books in preparation for their first swimming lesson. During their first lesson at White Oaks, they will be assessed and grouped, according to their swimming ability. If your child has any medical conditions that may affect his/her ability to participate, please contact Mrs Doherty in the School Office, to let us know as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr James Johnson
Head of School