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Year 5 Swimming Lessons 2025

Wednesday 23rd April to Tuesday 6th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, for the last few years we have opted for a portable swimming pool on the school site as a means of delivering swimming lessons to pupils. You will remember too, that last year there was an issue with the pool heater and as such the swimming lessons for your children had to be cancelled after the first day. As promised, we will be offering swimming lessons to your children now that they are in Year 5.

The team who organise and teach swimming in the pool are the same team that we would 'employ' and pay separately in addition to the small lifeguard team supplied by Harris Ockendon when we use their pool, i.e. fully qualified instructors and lifeguards.

Because we have full access to the pool for two weeks we are able to provide intense, small group swimming lessons that, for the majority of children, will take them from non-swimmers to children who can swim 25m. Every Year 5 child will have a 30 minute lesson, with 9 other children every day to ensure that they quickly build on the swimming skills they are developing.

There is of course a cost associated with these swimming lessons, as there always is for schools. However, we have been able to fund a large subsidy and as a result are only asking parents for a contribution of £30 in total for the intense swimming course we are providing; 10 X 30 minute small group lessons. As with all paid activities, we are happy to discuss any difficulties you may have or put an instalment plan in place if you need one, please contact the school office on admin@shawprimary.thurrock.sch or 01708852367 and ask to speak with a member of the leadership team about swimming lessons.

Please be aware that school swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and as such parents cannot opt out if their child is in the year group taught as part of the school's P.E. timetable.

Parents of all children in Year 5 will automatically be enrolled and payments can be made through your School Money account.

Regards
Ms Kimpton
Headteacher