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## Y6 Swimming 25/26

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming is an important part of our curriculum as well as a vital life skill. Therefore, I am writing to you as governors have agreed additional funding in order to offer our Y6 children a week of intensive swimming tuition next half term.

This means that all Y6 children will swim every day, for an hour at a time, for a block of a week. We are excited that our children will get to swim at the brand new Sandwell Aquatics Centre for this tuition.

Our Y6 classes will swim **EVERY DAY** for the dates shown below:

CLASS	WEEK 1
6A	WB: 01.06.26
6B	WB: 08.06.26
6C	WB: 15.06.26

The children's swimming lessons will take place across the mornings or afternoons on each of the days, Therefore, it is vital children arrive at school on time as the coach will be leaving promptly to ensure the children arrive on time/have sufficient time for changing). If children are absent, they will not be able to attend alternative swimming sessions to make up the time missed.

On the days that children are swimming, we would ask that they bring a healthy snack to have, after their swimming session, as they may not be in school for breaktime which means they shall not have access to the Tuck Shop on that day.

In order to prepare children for swimming, please note the following:

- Children will need to bring a swimming costume (one piece) or swimming trunks and towel for the lessons. NB: you will need to dry this each evening ready for the next day.
- Please ensure that **all** jewellery is removed prior to the lesson. If your child is unable to remove their jewellery, they will be required to wear a swimming hat to cover their ears for safety reasons.

Failure to bring these items will mean that they will be unable to partake in the swimming lesson. Swimming is an essential element of the curriculum and a life-long skill so we hope you will support us in ensuring they are able to participate.

Pupils will be grouped into ability sets and will be taught by swimming instructors provided by Sandwell Aquatics Centre. An initial swimming assessment will be used to allocate groups but the more you can swim with your child, before they attend these sessions, the better for them.

Thank you for your support.

