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Y5 Swimming 26/27

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Year 5 Swimming lessons that will be taking place for your child next year. Following a successful trial a couple of years ago, we operate swimming instruction in 'intensive' blocks as our data shows this has a better impact on the outcomes for children than the traditional model of weekly lessons.

This means that, instead of swimming for a short session each week for a term, Y5 children will swim 8 days in a two-week block for an hour each day. We are excited that, as part of this, our children get to swim at Sandwell Aquatics Centre next year.

Our Y5 classes will swim **EVERY DAY**, except Wednesdays, for the dates shown below:

CLASS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
5A	WB: 07.09.26	WB: 14.09.26
5B	WB: 21.09.26	WB: 28.09.26
5C	WB: 05.10.26	WB: 12.10.26

The children's swimming lessons will start at 9.30am (Mon, Tues & Thurs) & 10.00am (Fri). Therefore, it is vital children arrive at school on time as the coach will be leaving promptly at the start of the school day (8.50am) to ensure they arrive on time/have sufficient time for changing).

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

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 September, the better for them.

Thank you for your support.

