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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Year 6 Swimming**

As you are aware, we asked all parents to confirm whether or not their child could swim 25m unaided in order to start forming plans for Year 5 and 6 to participate in school swimming lessons. Previously we stated that, as a school, we would be prioritising those children who are non-swimmers in the hope that their swimming confidence improves. However, we are delighted to inform you that we are now able to offer school swimming lessons to every pupil in year 6, regardless of their swimming ability.

School swimming lessons will be on Monday mornings for four weeks per class and qualified school staff will accompany the children and be assisted by other qualified swimming instructors at the pool. Unfortunately, we have to take each class separately this year to ensure that non-swimmers, as well as the more able swimmers, are taught in smaller groups with a higher adult:child ratio to maximise the children's progress.

Entrance to the pool is now charged to us but we will continue to pay the cost of instruction. A voluntary contribution of £2.00 each week is requested to offset the cost of the coaches and entrance to the pool. You can pay this as a lump sum of £8.00 or on a weekly basis via ParentPay.

On these swimming mornings **ALL** jewellery should be left at home please – earrings must be taken out - no tape can be worn in the pool. Children with long hair/fringes should have it tied back securely. All boys should wear swimming trunks (not long shorts) and the girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit – this is for their own safety. For ease of changing at the pool, children can wear their swimming costumes/trunks underneath their school uniform. At the pool the children are required to remove their footwear before entering changing area. To assist with this process, it would be helpful if your child is not wearing tights. Children will take their snack, towel and drink to the swimming pool with them (goggles are optional).

Swimming is a compulsory part of the national PE curriculum and as such we do expect children to take part in it. If you consider that your child is too unwell to swim then they are probably not well



enough to be in school, however if they are fit to attend but not swim we will place them in another class with appropriate work.

### **Swimming Lesson Dates**

#### **Year 6 Miss Jacques Libra Class**

(Antares participating in PE in school)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Year 6 Antares Class**

(Libra participating in PE in school)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

As a result of these school swimming lessons taking place on Monday mornings, Year 6 PE days will change to a **Monday and Tuesday** for the duration of the eight weeks of the Year 6 swimming slot (four weeks of swimming per class). This will be from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – reminders will be given by class teachers. When Antares are swimming, Libra will be participating in PE in school and vice versa.

Please refer to the attached 'frequently asked questions' swimming document for any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

**Chloe Hannam**

Year 5 Class Teacher and PE Lead

