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Year 5 Swimming

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School swimming will be starting on Monday 15th March 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, the children will be attending in two groups.

CLASS SCAR will be going swimming every Monday afternoon from Monday 15th March until Monday 17rd May.

CLASS RAFIKI will be going swimming every Monday afternoon from Monday 24th May until Monday 19th July (except Monday 7th June)

This will be funded by the school. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for Physical Education. All primary schools must provide swimming and water safety lessons in Key Stage 2.

The aim of these sessions is to develop your child's swimming ability and confidence as well as their water safety skills. As we are sure you are aware, the ability to swim is an important life skill, as well as being a fun way to keep fit and healthy. Please find enclosed and on the school website the **School Swimming Guidance for Parents booklet**. A full risk assessment has been conducted to ensure the safety of the children during their visit to the pool. All necessary precautions have been adapted to ensure safety during the current climate.

To ensure that your child can take part **PLEASE CHECK** that they bring to school the relevant kit consisting of a towel, a one-piece costume (for girls) or tight fitted shorts above the knee (NOT baggy shorts) for boys. Boys will not be allowed to swim if wearing baggy shorts. This will need to be in a separate bag. Long hair must be worn up and **NO** earrings are allowed in the water at all for safety reasons (even studs). Any child not in the correct kit may be unable to take part. The Goggles are allowed in some circumstances and this request must be made on the official NCC letter (copy enclosed). Inhalers in school will be taken by school members of staff.

Attached is the 'request to wear goggles' letter along with **Swimming Guidance for Parents document**.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gilbert (Year 5 Teacher) and Miss Chilton (PE Coordinator)