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Year 5 Swimming

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School swimming will be starting on Monday 21st February 2022.

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 both Key Stages.

The aim of these sessions is to develop your child's swimming ability and confidence, as well as their water safety skills. As we're 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 the **School Swimming Guidance for Parents booklet**, a copy of which is also on the school website. 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. 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 Furness (PE Coordinator) and Miss Arkley (Class teacher)