

Brabourne Church of England Primary School

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24th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a few notes about swimming:-

Swimming dates for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 19th April to Wednesday 28th June 2023 (inclusive – 10 sessions)

- 1) We are asking parents for a donation of £6.80 per week towards the cost and this should be paid via SchoolMoney either weekly or as a one off payment of £68.00.
- 2) Please could all children wear a one-piece swimming costume and remember to bring a towel.
Swimming shorts must not be below the knee.
- 3) Children (boys and girls) with long hair should have their hair tied back and plaited if possible, and ideally wear a hat as well.
- 4) On swimming day it would be best to leave all watches and earrings at home.
The children are not allowed to swim wearing earrings. The staff at the Stour Centre are strict on these rules and have disallowed children from entering the pool on previous occasions.
- 5) Please would you check your child's feet prior to a swimming session, for athlete's foot and verrucas, and obtain treatment if necessary. We are also advised that the Stour Centre request any child with verrucas should wear protective socks.
- 6) Teaching apparatus are available at the pool so there is no need to bring arm bands or floats.
- 7) Children may wear goggles should they need to. They must be responsible for them.
- 8) No other money or valuables should be taken to the pool. There will not be any opportunity to purchase refreshments.
- 9) The children will be expected to attend all swimming lessons, unless a note/telephone call/verbal message has been received by school explaining why they are unable to do so.

Please note that the coach is due to collect the children from The Stour Centre around 2.50 pm and there may be a slight delay in them being ready to go home if there is heavy traffic.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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Swimming is part of the national curriculum so schools must ensure children are given the opportunity to be taught and to reach the expected levels stated. However, it is up to schools how and when they do this – some schools may do all classes all year round whilst others only have lessons for Year 6's in one term.

In our school, all the KS2 children will be having swimming lessons at the Stour Centre, Ashford in the summer term. They will be transported there and back by coach and accompanied by teachers/teaching assistants. At the pool, they will be taught by five qualified swimming instructors and teachers will be in attendance.

In order to ensure we can cater for specific needs, as best we can, could you please complete the questionnaire below? The instructors will assess the children themselves and group them accordingly but this will give us a good starting point.

Pupil Name: _____ Class: _____

How far can your child swim?

- Cannot yet swim

- Can swim less than 10m (width)

- Can swim 10m (width)

- Can swim more than 10m but less than 25m (length)

- Can swim more than 25m in the following strokes:
 - Front crawl
 - Backstroke
 - Butterfly
 - Breaststroke

If your child has an ASA award/badge, what stage is it? _____

Any other information you would like us to know:

Sow the seeds... Nurture... Watch them grow

