

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

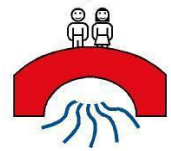
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Loddon
Primary School



21st April 2017

Swimming Season 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The National Curriculum requires that all children in Primary School are taught to swim as part of the PE curriculum as well as for important life skills. Our 2017 swimming programme will begin as of Tuesday 3rd May. For the 2017 curriculum swimming season sessions will be offered to our youngest pupils, those in **FS2, Y1 and Y2** weekly throughout the summer term.

Additional beginners' sessions will be offered to Y3-6 non-swimmers and FS1 on an occasional basis from the second half of the term in June and July. More details of these will follow later.

Our qualified swimming coaches Mrs Phillipa Kelly and Mr Adrian Payne will return to teach curriculum swimming for many of the classes. Additionally, class teachers who have been specifically trained in poolside supervision and swimming teaching will be delivering the other class sessions. We expect that the quality of swimming teaching at Loddon will therefore be in line with that offered by local swimming pools and that we will be able to provide quality teaching for swimmers of all levels.

Of course pool on-going maintenance costs for our school pool remain and we are therefore asking for voluntary contributions of **FS2, Y1, Y2 children: £15, Y3-Y6 non swimmers: £5**. The Pool is expensive to run and your voluntary contributions pay towards: chemicals, heating, repairs and maintenance during the summer swim season. We hope you will consider the costs reasonable as a FS2 - Y2 child, for example, can expect 12 -16 sessions this term which equates to approximately £1 a session. Certainly a lot cheaper than private lessons!

The swimming timetable is also attached so that you can see when your child(ren) will be swimming. Please ensure that your child has correct named swimwear well in advance and it is important that he/she remembers to bring this to school on the correct day, as he/she will not be able to swim that day without it. Swimming is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum and all children are expected to take part.

Boys: Trunks, to just above knee length or All in one swim suit.

Girls: Costumes, **not bikinis or tankinis**. All in one swim suit or 'Modesty costumes' may also be worn (tight fitting to wrist and knee all-in-one suit).

All children must wear hats - **not to keep hair dry but to prevent hair blocking or damaging pumps and filters**. Sprinkling the inside of the hat with talcum powder helps us to get them on quickly. Please ensure that swimming kit is sent in a named waterproof carrier bag, which can be hung on a peg. Children are allowed to wear goggles and it is their own responsibility to ensure that they are worn and named.

Earrings should be removed for swimming; if children with pierced ears are unable to do so they must wear a tight swimming hat that can be pulled down to cover the ears completely.

In order to help the class teachers to organise the children into appropriate level swimming groups could you please indicate if your child has swimming lessons other than at Loddon and if so which stage they are currently working at.

Please send any voluntary contributions and the completed response slip to the school office by 28th April for FS2-Y2. Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Phillips

Headteacher



LODDON SWIMMING POOL RESPONSE SLIP

Child _____ Class _____

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I enclose / have paid online (please delete) a voluntary contribution: **(please tick appropriate box)**

- £15 for each F2 child
- £15 for each Y1-Y2 child
- £5 for each non swimmer Y3-Y6 child

Total voluntary contribution _____ (Cheques payable to LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Please return forms to School in an envelope marked "Swimming".

SIGNED _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Child _____ Class _____

The above named child:

Is currently attending lessons at _____
and is stage _____

Child _____ Class _____

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and is stage _____





Child _____

Class _____

The above named child:

Is currently working at stage _____

- Can swim confidently and independently using a variety of swimming strokes
- Can swim **without** the use armbands/swimming aids over short distances
- Is confident in water **with** the use of armbands/swimming aids
- Is not confident in water/has no swimming experience

Child _____

Class _____

The above named child:

Is currently working at stage _____

- Can swim confidently and independently using a variety of swimming strokes
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