

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

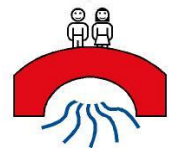
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Primary School



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SWIMMING 2016

Dear Parent/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 2016 swimming programme will therefore begin as of Tuesday 3rd May. Curriculum swimming is timetabled for children in F2 and Year 1-4 with additional sessions offered to Y5/6 non-swimmers and F1 on an occasional basis.

This year our qualified swimming coaches Miss Amber Dunton and Mrs Phillipa Kelly will return to teach curriculum swimming for many of the classes. 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 this season 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 remain and we are asking for voluntary contributions of **F2 children: £10, Y1 – Y4 children: £15, Y5-Y6 non swimmers children: £5** to cover the daily costs of this aspect of PE teaching. 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 Y1-4 child, for example, can expect 12 -16 sessions this term which equates to approximately £1 a session.

The swimming timetable is on the reverse of this letter 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.

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, and therefore be able to commence the swimming programme as soon as possible, could you please indicate your child's swimming ability or if your child has swimming lessons which stage they are currently working at.

Please send any voluntary contributions and the completed response slip to the school office by 29th April. 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)**

- £10 for each F2 child
- £15 for each Y1-Y4 child
- £5 for each non swimmer Y5-Y6 child

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

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

SIGNED _____ (Parent/Guardian)

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

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