Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Monday 10th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Swimming Lessons for Year 4 children

As part of the National Curriculum, all children are required to have swimming lessons whilst attending primary school.

Swimming and water safety
All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.
In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres*
- *use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]*
- *perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations*

We are planning to take year 4 pupils for swimming lessons to Hoyland Leisure Centre. Lessons will take place on Thursday afternoon's and will last for an hour. These will commence on Thursday 27th February and **most** Thursday's up to and including Thursday 2nd July 2020 (see schedule below). Pupils and accompanying staff will travel by coach leaving school at 1.15pm and returning at approximately 3.30pm-3.45pm (traffic dependent). Children will be taken back in to the classroom on return, to collect lunchboxes and school bags etc., and you should collect them from there.

Barnsley Premier Leisure are responsible for Health and Safety around the poolside and our school staff are responsible for the safety and welfare of our pupils at all times and will be with the children at all times. To assist in this process it is essential that we are aware of any special educational/medical needs of your child. If you feel your child has any additional needs that school may not be aware of it is important that you let us know as soon as possible. We can then ensure that additional safety measures/precautions can be put in place as appropriate to maintain the safety of all children. As always any information provided will be treated in the strictest of confidence, but any key information will be shared between school staff and those at Hoyland, to keep the children safe.

For their lessons, your child will require suitable swimwear and a towel (Girls must have a one piece swimsuit and boys should have swimming shorts which are fitted and above the knee in length). Jewellery is **NOT** allowed and long hair must be tied back. Goggles are only allowed on medical grounds.

As previously, mentioned swimming is a statutory element of the National Curriculum and I'm sure you will agree that it is also an essential life skill. Unfortunately, your contributions are the only way we can continue to provide these vitally important lessons. The actual weekly cost per child for the swimming lessons, hire of the pool and coach transport works out at £10.65 per child. Despite increasing demands on our school budget, we feel the lessons are so important that this year school will allocate £3,900 to subsidise the cost to parents, meaning we are asking for the reduced weekly contribution of **£5 per child per session**. If we fail to receive parental contributions in full, as a school we will have to fund the increased shortfall and this of course will affect the money we have available to spend on other educational resources throughout school.

Payments can be made in the following installments:

- 1 installment of £75 by 27.02.20
- 2 installments of £37.50 by 27.02.20 and 23.04.20
- 5 instalments of £15 by 27.02.20, 19.03.20, 23.04.20, 13.05.20 and 10.06.20
- 15 instalments of £5 due the day of each lesson

The payments can be either made via the School Gateway (wwwschoolgateway.com) / cash in an envelope (marked with your child's name & 'swimming') / cheque (made payable to 'Wombwell Park Street Primary School'). Please indicate your preferred method of payment and instalments below so that the payment requests / payment cards prepared for your child.

In anticipation of your continued and much needed support.

Please return all forms by Friday 14th February.

Yours sincerely
Mrs C Lawson
Headteacher

Year 4 School Swimming Lesson Dates 2020

Week No	Day	Date
1	Thursday	27.02.20
2	Thursday	05.03.20
3	Thursday	12.03.20
4	Thursday	19.03.20
5	Thursday	26.03.20
6	Thursday	02.04.20
7	Thursday	23.04.20
8	Thursday	30.04.20
9	Thursday	07.05.20
10	Thursday	14.05.20
11	Thursday	21.05.20
12	Thursday	11.06.20
13	Thursday	18.06.20
14	Thursday	25.06.20
15	Thursday	02.07.20

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Name of child …….. Class …….

I give permission for my child to attend the weekly swimming lessons at Hoyland Leisure Centre.

I would like to pay by the following number of instalments:

No of Instalments	Amount	Due Dates	Please tick one
1	£75.00	27.02.20	
2	£37.50	27.02.20 & 23.04.20	
5	£15.00	27.02.20, 19.03.20, 23.04.20, 13.05.20 & 10.06.20	
15	£5.00	Each Thursday	

I would like to make payments by (please tick one):

School Gateway	Cash or Cheque

Signature of parent/carer: …… Relationship to child: ……

Date: ……