



Lytchett Matravers Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, **swimming is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum**. As part of your child's Physical Education, we will be taking the Year 5 children for a 5 week block of swimming lessons (these will be an hour long) at The Junction Sports and Leisure Centre (Broadstone) in the Autumn term on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

Buzzard will be swimming on Wednesdays, with their first session on **Wednesday 14th September 2022**, and will swim on the following dates: **21.9.22, 28.9.22, 5.10.22, 12.10.22**.

Osprey will be swimming on Fridays, with their first session on **Friday 16th September 2022** and will swim on the following dates: **23.9.22, 30.9.22, 7.10.22, 14.10.22**.

Although there is no legal obligation to participate in these swimming lessons, if children do not participate, teachers will be unable to assess their swimming ability and as a school, we must report on all children's ability within swimming.

"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."* – National Curriculum.

The school will cover the cost of a qualified swimming teacher, lifeguard and all insurances, but we would like to ask for a contribution towards the cost of transport and hire of the pool. This is a fantastic opportunity for all children to further develop their confidence in and around water, whilst also gaining key life skills, together as a whole class. The cost of these sessions will be £34.75 (£3.47 per ½ hour session for 10 sessions of swimming, 5 hours in total).

Payments are made on-line using your My Child At School (MCAS) account. This can be found under trips.

Please also complete the online form giving Parental Consent for your child to take part and notifying us of their swimming ability. Please use the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/yG6WzJSNMW> please complete by 9.00am Monday 12th September.

This will be available to purchase from 1.00pm Tuesday 19 July. Please could a **£5 deposit be paid by 9.00am Monday 5th September with the deadline for full payment being at 5.00pm Monday 12th January 2022**.

Please note any child in receipt of free school meals (Pupil Premium) may use their allowance to pay for the sessions. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

If you do not wish your child to attend school swimming sessions, Parents/ Guardians must provide evidence that their child can meet the specific requirements for swimming as stated above.

Your child will need to bring the following 'Swimming Kit' in a plastic/appropriate bag:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- Swimming hat (Optional)
- Swimming goggles (Optional)

Please ensure that every part of your child's swimming kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with their name.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. We will be happy to help.

Miss West
PE Lead

