

Useful Information for Parents regarding swimming in Reception Class

What days can my child swim?

In Reception the children will have the opportunity to swim on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Pick up is between 2.00-2.10pm with access to the water from 2.10pm.

If you are taking your child swimming then please notify the teacher on the door in the morning so they know to get your child ready for pick up.

You do **not need** to have a swim voucher for these sessions as these are included in your parent contribution. If you are lifeguarding at one of these sessions please ask another parent in advance to bring your child over and watch them at poolside so that you can lifeguard.

What do we need?

Your child must have a swim hat (rubber or fabric) to enter the water. They will also need shoes that they can wear poolside that are clean, such as, flip flops or crocs, towel & swimwear.

If your child wears armbands or biscuits then you can bring them, we have a small amount available if forgotten. Woggles also kept poolside.

Please make sure you remember to name everything clearly.

I can't make it but I want my child to still go

There are a couple of options in this situation:

1. Ask another parent to take your child - this is an arrangement you make between yourselves and that designated adult is responsible for your child. (In previous years we have had parents pair up and take turns each week)
2. A grandparent or other family member may take them - this is an arrangement you make between and that designated adult is responsible for your child.
3. Not every child attends every session and those who are not swimming will stay with the teacher as normal.

Other information

We ask that during your child's school day swim session, siblings are not allowed in the water. This is due to the pool being quite busy at this time. If you attend an after school or holiday session siblings are able to go in. (Please note it gets extremely hot in the summer and is not suitable for babies to be in prams poolside for extended periods of time.)

Parents (& children) are asked not to sit on the edge of the pool, please sit on either the benches or on the stone long bench on the other side of the pool. This is so that people don't fall in & aren't walking around the outside of the pool so that the lifeguards can view the pool & the children swimming clearly.

Kidszone

If your child attends Kidszone on a **Wednesday**, there will be an option for them to swim in the pool under staff supervision between 4.30 & 5.15pm. If you would like your child to do this, please let Kidszone know & send them in with their swimming kit in a separate bag to change into.

After School & Summer Swimming

There are two vouchers available:

An after school voucher £25 for the term. Covering use of the pool for children Monday-Friday 3.15-4.30pm. Lifeguards will be on duty, parents come along to watch.

Lifeguard voucher £40 for the term and summer holidays. Covering use of the pool seven days a week. Please note to purchase a lifeguard voucher you must have completed the lifeguard training.

A swimming pool timetable will be released to those who have purchased the lifeguard pool vouchers. Please note that lifeguards who have completed the training must be present at the pool - it is helpful to make a group when you organise to go to ensure you are not alone at the pool.

If you would like to purchase the relevant voucher, please do this via Parentpay (one voucher per family not per child) - many thanks.

A set of pool rules will also be attached for information.

Any other questions please ask, and have a wonderful time!!

