

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that your child in **5VT** will be taking part in swimming lessons this term. The ability to swim is an essential life skill and also forms an important part of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum for Physical Education.

Your child will be attending Tuesday afternoon swimming lessons on **Tuesday 12 September, 19 September, 26 September** at Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre. They will be grouped according to their ability to ensure all pupils receive the appropriate amount of challenge and support during their lessons. To ensure your child's safety during this pandemic, Saxon Pool will be sanitising the pool before and after your child's swimming lessons.

Your child will walk to the swimming pool after lunch, accompanied by Mr Dunne and additional members of the PE department/support staff. Their swimming lesson will take place from 2.00pm until 3.00pm. Following their lesson, they will change and then be dismissed at 3.20pm to walk home (or be picked up) from the swimming pool. Pupils that need to catch the school bus will need to change quickly and will be transported back to the school site by minibus to enable them to catch the school bus.

As your child will be swimming during their curriculum time I do not require a permission slip; however, ask that you complete the attached google form and a voluntary contribution of **£6.00** to cover the three swimming sessions. This can be paid via the school gateway or cash in a named envelope. If you have any financial difficulties or feel this payment might be difficult to cover, please contact the school and we will assist in any way we can. Please complete the google form below to ensure your child travels home in the appropriate way.

[5VT Swimming Consent Form](#)

Please ensure your child comes prepared for their swimming lesson, they will need:

- Their inhaler or EpiPen if prescribed
- A named bag (to place their kit/uniform in)
- Swimwear (of any colour) – Boys should wear swimming trunks or shorts, whilst girls are recommended to wear a one-piece swimming costume (although recreational costumes will be acceptable if this is the only swim wear available)
- A towel
- If they already own a swimming hat or goggles your child may wish to wear these, although we have purchased a swimming hat already for your child.
- A water bottle (you may also wish to issue your child with a healthy snack to eat on the way home from school to replenish their energy)

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is named. This includes their school uniform as well as their swimwear and towel.

I do hope your child enjoys their swimming lessons. If you have any concerns or additional information regarding your child's health, needs and/or swimming ability then please feel free to contact your child's form teacher. Otherwise, current school medical records will be used in case of emergency and existing support will be provided for pupils with additional needs.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Carter
Subject Leader for PE