

Gossops Green Primary School

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Thursday 16th November 2023

4WL Swimming – January 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

As from **Tuesday 9th January 2024**, your child will start swimming lessons at K2. These lessons will be weekly until their last session on **Tuesday 19th March 2024**. Your child will be transported in our school minibus and will be in two groups of up to 15 children. One group will swim first, followed by the other. **Group A** will be back at school before the end of the school day. **Group B** will be back at school slightly later, but they should return for 3.20pm – this would mean they would be late joining any after school clubs on a Tuesday. The KS2 playground gates will be left open so that you can collect your child from the normal location. If your child is at Cygnet Club, they will be taken there by Mrs Wilson.

_____ **will be in Group** _____

There is a voluntary contribution of £5 to help us cover the minibus costs. Please make all payments through **Arbor**; you will find the option to do this via the Trips section. We also need to know your child's swimming ability and have your consent for your child to go swimming. This is also set up on Arbor and you should have a notice alert when you log onto the Parent Portal to take you to the right place. Please can you let us know, via the Guardian notes, if your child has had swimming lessons in the past, if they are currently having lessons or if they have had no lessons.

Your child will need the following:

- A one-piece costume or trunks to swim in; please note that baggy shorts, leggings or t-shirts are not acceptable as they cause too much drag.
- A towel
- It is also recommended that children bring goggles
- All children with long hair must have this tied back before the class is due to start
- Jewellery will not be allowed in the pool and everyone, including those with newly pierced ears, will have to take their earrings out.

Please do not send your child with shampoo as there is no time to use it.

Swimming is an important skill which can save a child's life. **It is also a compulsory part of the PE curriculum and, unless your child has a physical injury such as a broken limb, if s/he is well enough to be at school s/he will be deemed well enough to swim. If a child is to be excused from PE for an extended period of time, a doctor's note is required.**

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the class teacher through the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Dixon
PE and Sports Lead