

Simmondley Primary School

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Dear Parents

Your child will be attending school swimming lessons during next term. Swimming will be on a Tuesday morning, the children will be accompanied by Mrs Hewitt and another member of staff. Swimming sessions will commence on Tuesday **9th January 2018** and will be every **Tuesday, until 20th March 2018.**

I would be most grateful if you could complete and return the attached form by **Monday, 8th January 2018.**

Please be aware of the following rules, set by the local authority.

Swimwear must be suitable for the purpose and preferably of a dark colour to enable the swimmer to be seen clearly underwater. Girls must wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys must wear swimming trunks. The school swimming teacher may allow boys to wear appropriate shorts; however, these must not be below the knee. Large baggy shorts will impede the pupil's movements in the water, as well as restrict the view of the teacher's seeing the movements that limbs and joints are making in the water.

Goggles are only allowed exceptionally, when chemicals in the water may adversely affect eyes. Goggles should be made of unbreakable plastic or rubber materials and children taught to use them correctly and safely prior to their attendance at the pool. Pupils who wish to wear goggles must have a permission letter signed by their parent/guardian.

Hair must be tied back if long or of a length which might impair vision. It is highly recommended that children wear swimming hats.

Jewellery/watches must be removed prior to the swimming lesson (plasters covering newly pierced parts of the body must be removed together with jewellery before a child will be allowed to swim). Please be advised that anyone with freshly pierced ears (or other body piercing) will be excluded until such time that jewellery can be removed. It is advisable that any pupils that wish to have body piercing do so at the beginning of the school summer holidays.

Safety medi-alert bracelets or necklaces should be removed and given to the teacher for safe keeping during the swimming lesson and returned to the pupil immediately the pupil exits the water. If the bracelet is unable to be removed it may be taped over securely with waterproof tape.

Swimming is an important part of the school curriculum and we do our best to ensure that all children are able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave school. Please ensure that your child has everything they need on the set day and that they comply with the rules above so that the sessions are not missed. **Please note- your child can only be excluded from school swimming on medical grounds as this is part of the PE National Curriculum.**

Yours sincerely

Debbie Greaves
Headteacher