

13th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Swimming Instruction in Key Stage 2

Swimming is an important part of the Physical Education Curriculum and an essential life skill for children. The National Curriculum for Physical Education states that “all schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.” By the end of primary school, pupils are expected to be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

For many years, pupils at our school have traditionally received swimming lessons in Year Three and Year Four. However, over the past two years we have prioritised ‘catch-up’ swimming provision for Year Six pupils. Before the Easter break, we shall share with the current Year Six cohort information regarding this coming summer term’s swimming provision.

As a result of the above adjustments, pupils who are currently in Year Five have not yet have taken part in swimming lessons with school. We understand that this has raised questions for some families. Please be assured that we are reviewing our provision to ensure that all pupils have access to swimming during their time at our school.

For the next academic year (2026/27), we are planning swimming lessons for Year Six pupils, with the possibility of additional year groups also attending depending on availability and scheduling. Our priority will continue to be ensuring that pupils develop the confidence and competence in the water expected by the end of Year Six.

We will share further details with families once the swimming timetable for the year has been finalised.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dan Ainscow and Mr Liam Murphy
Co-Headteachers