JB 4th March, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Swimming**

Although swimming was originally planned for the summer term in Year 5, we have been given the opportunity for our sessions to begin early – this Friday the 11th March! We appreciate that this is very short notice, however, we did not want to turn down this opportunity for more sessions, which we feel will benefit the children, particularly in light of recent restrictions over the past couple of years. Year 5 will be attending swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum, as every child is expected to leave Primary School with the ability to swim a minimum of 25M without assistance.

These lessons will take place every Friday, commencing 11th March through to July 15th. They will replace the current outdoor PE session on Thursday but the indoor session will continue as normal on Wednesdays. The children will travel to Keighley Leisure Centre by private bus and will be accompanied by members of school staff.

Children will require the following items:

* A towel
* A one-piece swimsuit for girls (NO bikinis or tankinis)
* Trunks or swimming shorts for boys (NO boardies, bermudas)
* Swimming/PE bag to take all swimwear to the pool (separate to school bag) and keep uniform in whilst swimming
* Goggles are not essential but are allowed.

If your child requires an inhaler, then they must take it with them to the pool, or they will not be able to swim. Inhalers in school will be taken with the children. Long hair must be tied up and earrings should be removed that day or taped up with surgical tape. Any other medical information, relevant to swimming, can be included in the slip below.

During the first session, the children’s swimming ability will be assessed and they will be placed in groups accordingly; this ensures that your child’s individual needs are catered for and they are taught at a level suited to their experience. If your child is particularly anxious about swimming, please let us know on the slip below so that we are aware of this and can ensure that they get the support that they initially need.

If your child is unable to swim on a particular day please ensure a note is sent in to the class teacher with the reason for them not being able to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bradley

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Information for teacher – Please include any relevant medical information or general concerns below and return to class teacher as soon as possible.

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