



Headteacher: Mrs V Smith

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Swimming**

We are working very hard to get the swimming pool ready for the children to swim. We are planning to start swimming week commencing **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** subject to the air and water temperatures and independent water chemical testing. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child/ren have their swimming kits in school with them from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

*A weekly timetable will be sent out every Friday – please check it carefully as classes may not be swimming on the same day every week to accommodate other activities within the school diary.*

**The swimming kit should consist of: swimming costume (no bikinis) / trunks, swimming hat (required), goggles (optional), towel, crocs / flips flops (recommended), suitable bag**

Please note, swimming is part of the National Curriculum and all children are obliged to participate. Every child **MUST** wear a swimming hat which can be purchased via the MCAS app (under Products tab) or at the school office for £3.50 each.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to telephone home to ask parents to bring in kit.

In order for your child/ren to participate the cost will be £15 per child or £20 per family. This covers the swimming for the half term. We have very limited funds available to support the cost of running the swimming pool and whilst this contribution is of course voluntary, without these funds we may not be able to continue to offer this facility unless all parents who are able, are willing to contribute. I appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum, and if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Carter in confidence to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made to cover the cost of your child's participation.

In an attempt to help the environment, we are reducing the amount of paper used and the need to complete a slip, therefore, consent will be given by ticking the box on the MCAS app before making payment. Swimming can be found under the "Products" tab.

Please consent to your child/ren swimming and make payment by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** via one of the following options:

- MCAS app
- PayPoint – this can be found in most local newsagents & convenience stores. The nearest one to Southway is located at Gems News & Food on Royal George Road.
- If you cannot access the app, please call or visit the school office to make a debit card payment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Smith  
Headteacher

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