



Gusford Primary School

"Promoting Achievement and Success."

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Swimming

After the decision to not use the pool this year, we have had a very kind offer of help from a local swimming company, Birch Farm. They have been in to carry out the necessary cleaning to the pool, so that it is in working order and they are offering us a number of slots of free teaching.

This means that our swimming pool will be in use from Monday 5 June 2017 for all year groups. Swimming will continue (weather permitting) each week until the end of term. All year groups will be taught by Claire Cleverly, a qualified swimming instructor from Birch Farm. Information regarding the days and times that your child will be swimming will be confirmed prior to the half term break.

This year children in year 1 and upwards will be expected to get dressed by themselves. Reception classes and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 do not need parental help as Teaching Assistants will be on duty to assist with the class.

Due to timetabling constraints, only children in year 5 and 6 who are yet to achieve the national curriculum requirement of swimming 25m will be included in these sessions. Other children in the year group will take part in an additional PE lesson so all children are receiving the required amount of PE lessons in total.

As swimming is a component of National Curriculum for PE it is expected that all children from Reception to Year 4 will take part, as well as those identified in year 5 and 6. **ALL of these children need:**

1. Swimming costume/fitted trunks (no long or loose shorts).
2. Swimming hat. **(The school does not sell swimming hats)**
3. Towel
4. Suitable footwear to wear walking to and from the pool area, i.e. flip flops.

In line with Suffolk County Council ruling pupils will not be allowed to wear goggles. **If there is a medical reason for your child to wear goggles, we will require a letter from your child's Doctor confirming this. Your child will not be allowed to wear goggles if we do not have confirmation from a Doctor.** The school cannot be liable for any accident that may occur whilst your child is wearing goggles. Please ensure your child is not wearing any jewellery as they will be required to remove this prior to swimming.

Please name clothes and swimming kit as they can get mixed up when the children are changing. All children wear school uniform so it can be impossible to reunite children with their lost clothing.

A coloured board is displayed outside the front of the school to indicate whether swimming is on or not that day. The colours are:

RED	swimming cancelled
BLUE	swimming is taking place

Please do not telephone the school office to enquire if swimming is taking place as we do not have the staff to deal with these queries.

If you have any specific queries about swimming please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

C D'Cunha
Executive Headteacher

