



# Henry Chadwick Community Primary School

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Dear current Y2/Y3 parents/carers (Y3/4 in September)

## Y3/4 Swimming Lessons from September 2024 - Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025 Terms

As you may be aware Y3/4 children will be having weekly swimming lessons at the Friary Leisure Centre in Lichfield on **Thursday afternoons (1.15pm to 2pm)**. The coach will leave school at approximately 12.35pm, which will mean a slightly earlier lunch for this class. The timetable for lessons is as follows:

<b>Autumn Term</b>	commences on Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 for 7 weeks, to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 recommences Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 for 7 weeks, to 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Spring Term</b>	commences Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 for 6 weeks, to 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 recommences Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February for 7 weeks, to 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

We realise that for some pupils this may be the first time they have been swimming with school. Swimming is an important part of our PE curriculum both for physical exercise and safety reasons. We go to the Friary Leisure Centre for swimming lessons in County approved transport and we will be the only school in the pool for our lesson. Pupils are taught in small groups organised by the Friary Leisure Centre swimming instructors. Typically, abilities will range from complete non-swimmers, who might be frightened of water, to confident, able swimmers. I'm sure your child will slot in easily somewhere.

While we are at the Leisure Centre, we have to follow Staffordshire Local Authority guidelines about what to wear and how to behave.

### What pupils need:

All pupils need a towel and swimming costume. For boys this must be trunks and not shorts. For girls it must be one-piece swimming costume and not a bikini. **Swimming kits must be brought into school on the morning of the lessons.** All pupils need a swimming hat - these can be purchased from the leisure centre if required.

Teachers at the swimming pool prefer children not to wear goggles, but they can use them with written permission. Please find attached a goggles permission slip with this letter. **This form must be returned to the office by the 5<sup>th</sup> September (first day back at school after the Summer holidays please) at the latest - returned before we finish for the summer would be appreciated, if you are able to do this.**

If a pupil has a verruca, they will need to have it covered with a sock. This can be an ordinary sock - but please make sure that it's one you don't mind getting wet and that it won't come off easily in the water.

Pupils will be supervised in the changing rooms by school staff.

As we have already received your permission to take your child off-site there is no more to do than help your child remember to **bring their swimming kit into school every Thursday morning**, when swimming lessons are scheduled and to sign/return the goggles permission slip if required.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

Vicki Barnes  
Headteacher

*Every day counts..... Every minute matters.....*