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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Pop Up Swimming Pool Programme

I am delighted to let you know that our school has partnered with Aspire Active Education Ltd to bring the Swim:ED programme to the school site, for our children. This means swimming lessons will take place at a pop-up swimming pool that is situated on our school site.

The Pop-Up Pool programme will start **on Monday 6th November until Wednesday 20th December 2023**. Children will be taught by qualified swimming instructors, supported by our staff, and lessons will be supervised by qualified lifeguards.

The programme has been created, to ensure every child leaving primary school is able to meet the National Curriculum requirements, which is:

- Be able to demonstrate safe self-rescue and evidence of this in different water-based situations.
- Be able to swim confidently, competently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m.
- Be able to perform a range of strokes confidently and competently.

This is an amazing opportunity for your child to start or continue on their swimming and water safety journey. Before the programme starts, please could you complete the questionnaire via [this link](#) by Friday 6th October 2023, so children can be grouped accordingly dependent on swimming ability and experience.

What to wear for swimming?

- Girls to wear a one-piece swimming costume.
- Boys to wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts (above the knee).
- Children may choose to wear rash vests and or leggings for modesty if they wish.
- Goggles are encouraged to be worn but remain the responsibility of the individual wearer.
- Long hair must be tied back or ideally, a swimming hat worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted during school swimming lessons i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, waterproof watches, rings etc.
- Please ensure your child also brings a towel with them to dry after their session!

What is a Pop-up Pool?

A pop-up pool is approximately 10m x 5m with a depth of 1.2m. It is equipped with a filter and pool heater to maintain a safe water temperature, is above ground and is situated under a 6x12m marquee for shelter and shade. The pool meets industry standards and safety requirements, ensuring that all children can enjoy a fun and secure swimming experience. The accompanying image provides a visual example of the pool, its setup, and structure.





What can I do to prepare my child for school swimming lessons?

- Go swimming as a family before they start their lessons.
- Visit the Swim England parent hub at www.swimming.org/learntoswim
- Find your local pool at www.swimming.org/poolfinder
- Talk positively about going swimming and the importance of learning to swim.
- Ensure they are able to dress and undress themselves and dry themselves independently including getting into and out of their swimwear.
- Support with practicing blowing bubbles, splashing water over their face and submerging their face.

A schedule will be communicated in the coming weeks. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Walker
Headteacher

