



5th September, 2024.

Dear Parents,

Swimming Lessons

All children in **Year 5** will be taking part in Swimming lessons at Meadows Leisure Centre every Monday afternoon, as from week commencing **Monday 9th September 2024**.

Swimming lessons are a compulsory part of the Key Stage 2 PE Curriculum, therefore, all children must participate in the lessons. Swimming is a vital life skill that each child should learn. If your child is unable to attend the swimming lessons, for a medical reason, please send an email into school and let us know. You must provide some form of evidence from a medical practitioner, to enable us to exempt your child from swimming.

Swimming kits consist of costume/trunks (not shorts), goggles, hat and a towel.

For Health and Safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is strictly forbidden, parents should ensure that all jewellery is removed before your child comes to school.

Taping or covering over earrings is not acceptable, as exposure to water can easily dislodge the tape. Please note, St Gregory's has a duty of care to ensure the safety of all children, as such, notes justifying the wearing/covering up of jewellery cannot be accepted. Jewellery items represent potential hazards, not only to the wearer but also to other pupils and staff. Safety advice confirms that any jewellery wearing during swimming lessons constitutes an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.

Children will travel by coach to the swimming baths and back to school. They may arrive back slightly later than school finish time, usually around 3.30pm.

A consent form is available via the school app for swimming lessons. Please log onto your account and complete the form. Every child requires a consent form to enable them to attend the swimming lessons.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Perree
Headteacher