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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 once again to bring the Swim:ED programme to school and our children. This means that 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 9<sup>th</sup> September until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. 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, we must collect information on your child's swimming ability and experience. This data helps us ensure that all children are grouped accordingly and gives us the best opportunity to ensure all children receive the very best experience. Please take 30 seconds to complete the questions via [this link](#), or alternatively click on the QR code at the bottom of this letter to take you to the survey. This will need completing by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, so children can be grouped accordingly dependent on swimming ability and experience. Swim:ED aligns with National Curriculum outcomes and gives children the skills and knowledge to be confident, competent and safe in the water.

### 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 in school, this includes 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!
- Children can also bring pool side shoes to wear for transition from the changing space to the pool (sliders, crocs, flipflops)





### 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](http://www.swimming.org/learntoswim)
- Find your local pool at [www.swimming.org/poolfinder](http://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.

For further information on the Swim:ED programme, including important information on what your child needs for their lessons, please read the attached document 'A Parent's Guide to Swim:ED'.

If you would like to learn more about Swim:ED and their services, please visit: [www.swim-ed.co.uk](http://www.swim-ed.co.uk)

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The schedule of swimming is as follows:

Day of the week	Year group
Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 5
Wednesday	Year 4
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6

Please note, Year 3 will have a pre teach session which will take place on the last week of term. Further details shall be given closer to the time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Walker  
Headteacher

