



10th September 2020

Dear parents and carers

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

As your child's year group did not complete their swimming lessons last term due to the COVID school closure, I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to arrange for a term of swimming lessons starting Wednesday 16th September through to 9th December 2020. As part of the school curriculum, swimming lessons allow pupils to gain more experience and tuition.

Swimming sessions will be held at Inspire Luton Sports Village in Hitchin Road. Pupils and staff will leave Someries at 1:40pm by coach to arrive in time for their swimming lesson starting at 2:10pm. They will return back to school by 3:10pm.

The school will cover the cost of the swimming lessons. Some schools walk to Inspire Sports Village in Hitchin Road but we feel that it is too far to walk especially in the winter months. Therefore, we ask for a contribution for transport of £10.79 per half term [Half termly payments due by 16th September and 31st October]. Thank you to the parents that have already paid in full last year - no payment due this term if you paid in full last term. Preferred method of payment is online (Tucasi Scopay), you may pay cash or cheque to the school office (in a named envelope).

The following information will enable the children to get the best from their lessons;

- Pupils to wear their school PE kit on Wednesdays. They will also need to bring their coats and all clothes must be labelled with name and class. Please no talc or shower gel.
- Girls are required to wear one-piece swimsuits (no bikinis) and boys to wear close fitting trunks or swim shorts (shorts must be above the knee).
- In meeting with cultural and religious needs, children may wear leggings or footless tights under a swimming costume or long sleeved leotard. These must, however, be tight fitting and consideration made as to their weight when wet.
- No jewellery to be worn (on Tuesdays it is advisable to leave ear-rings and watches at home as staff cannot be responsible for any items that may get mislaid).
- Please do not arrange to have any new ear piercings during the course of swimming lessons.
- All pupils with long hair are required to wear swim hats (we request that your child brings their own swim hat to use each week; however, we do have a small number of spare hats that are available for pupils to borrow on the day). Any loaned hats will be cleaned and not used until the following week).
- No goggles – national guidelines recommend goggles should not be worn for curriculum swimming lessons.
- Please pack an extra small towel to 'wrap around' their heads whilst drying their bodies.
- DO NOT wear swimming costume/shorts under the school uniform as sometimes under exceptional circumstances the lesson may be cancelled.

COVID-19 precautions

Coach travel – the year group is treated as one bubble and will be on one coach together sitting in rows (with children from their own class) facing the front. (Adult helpers and the driver are required to wear face masks.) Children and staff will sanitize their hands before and after getting on the coach. The coach company will clean the seats and hand areas between each usage.

Swimming pool

- The public will not be using the swimming pool or changing rooms during school time.
- Inspire have a signed one-way system to and from the pool.
- Changing rooms have air handling fresh air intake and this has been reviewed by specialist external contractors and meets the Health and Safety Executive Covid ventilation guidelines.
- Luton Borough Council have inspected Inspire Recreation Centre COVID modifications and controls and have certified for the centre to reopen.
- Changing area touch points will be cleaned between each school's usage.
- Pupils and staff to sanitize their hands when leaving changing area to return to school.

Please complete and return the online permission form by clicking here <https://bit.ly/33duTaV> and make payment by Monday 14th September (preferred method of payment – Tucasi SCOPAY).

If you are experiencing any financial difficulty or have any queries, please contact Mrs Duffy or Mrs Dudley in the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mr Hunt – Head Teacher