



Wickham Common

Primary School

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Headteacher: Miss R Williams BA (Hons), NPQH

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our sports provision and our personal development curriculum, pupils in Year 4 will be invited to take place in swimming lessons at the New Addington Leisure and Community Centre. These sessions will be run in accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance that children are taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

To ascertain if children are already able to do the above, all of Year 4 will be assessed by the qualified staff at the New Addington pool in March. The assessment dates will be Wednesday 27th March for 4 Beech and Thursday 28th March for 4 Willow. Please ensure that children come to school on the relevant day with their swimming costume, goggles and towels in a named bag rather than underneath their uniform.

Whilst the cost of the assessment and the lessons later in the year is covered by the school, we do ask that a contribution be made towards the cost of the coach. The cost for the initial assessment will be £8.10 per child and payment can be made through the Trips section on Arbor, please make your payment as soon as possible and no later than Friday 22nd March.

Following the assessments, children who are unable to swim the statutory 25m will be invited to take part in a week of lessons in May. Until the assessments are complete and we know how many children are taking part, we will be unable to inform you of the cost of these sessions but will confirm this with you as soon as possible. For the remaining children in the year group, we will be providing alternative sporting provision in school at the same time these sessions are taking place but, again, we will share information about this closer to the time.

Please complete the form below to indicate that you have read the information above and that you give permission for your child to attend the relevant assessment day.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lee, Mr Slack and Mrs Clements



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Child's name: _____

Class: _____

I have read the letter above and give permission to take part in the swimming assessment session.

I have made a payment of £8.10 on Arbor as a contribution to the travel cost for this session.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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