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Swimming 2017-18

Dear Parents and Carers

The Department for Education statutory guidance with regards to swimming is;

'All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be 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'*

(National curriculum in England: physical education programmes of study)

We have decided that, in order to meet these requirements, we need to ensure that children who cannot yet swim 25 metres are given the maximum opportunity to achieve this before they leave Year 6. We would like to collect information about your child's swimming ability so that we can target these valuable lessons at those who need it most. **Please complete the slip below and return it by 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 14th September 2017.** We will select the group based on the information received and **inform you by letter, text and email on Friday 15th September 2017 if your child is in that group.**

There will be one block week and two single sessions in Term 1 and Term 4:

Term 1 Dates	Leaving school	Swim time	Back to school (approx.)
Monday 18 th - Thursday 21 st September 2017	1.30 p.m.	2.00- 2.30 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 27 th September 2017	10.00 a.m.	10.30- 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	10.00 a.m.	10.30- 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
Term 4 Dates	Leaving school	Swim time	Back to school (approx.)
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February	1.30 p.m.	2.00- 2.30 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 28 th February	10.00 a.m.	10.30- 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
Wednesday 7 th March	10.00 a.m.	10.30- 11.00 a.m.	11.30 a.m.

A member of school staff and a swimming coach will be at the poolside and professional lifeguards are on hand at all times. Safety is a key priority.

The staff at Yate Leisure Centre stipulate that long hair must be tied back (preferably plaited) for swimming lessons, and that long shorts and bikinis are not suitable; costumes and trunks should be worn in preference. Jewellery must also be removed for swimming.

As in previous years the cost of the coach and swimming instruction is part paid for by the school and Trinity FOS, with the remainder paid by the parents. The cost to parents will be £1 per session (Term 1= £6 and Term 4= £7).

Yours sincerely

C Hutton
Headteacher

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Child's name: _____

Class: Elm/ Oak/ Beech (delete)

The highest swimming award (number of metres or 'Swim England' awards or equivalent) my child has is

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