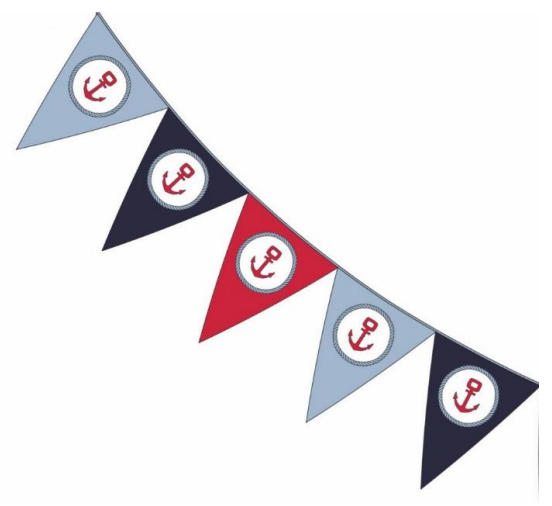




MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Learning for Life



Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Year 6 P.E. curriculum, the children have swimming lessons. The children love going swimming as they have the opportunity to develop their confidence in the water, learn new swimming skills, and improve their current swimming performance. It is a Government expectation that, by the end of Year 6, children must be able to swim at least 25 metres confidently. As swimming is part of the National Curriculum, these lessons are not optional. This means that children should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming.

Usually, the school attends Seahaven Pool for these lessons; however, it has been closed for refurbishment. We have looked into a number of different options to ensure the best possible teaching for the children, as well as value for money, and have decided that the children will have their swimming lessons at Brighton Swim School. The lessons will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 1st July**
- **Wednesday 8th July**
- **Wednesday 15th July**

Travel Arrangements

In order to support everyone's safety and avoid travelling on public transport, we have decided to continue hiring a coach to take the children to and from the pool. For 6BH, the coach will leave at 8:45 a.m. for lessons starting at 9:30 a.m. The coach will then return to school and collect 6M at 9:50 a.m., ready for their lesson at 10:30 a.m. The coach will then bring 6BH back to school before returning to collect 6M at 11:40 a.m. and bring them back in time for lunch.

If you arrive late and the coach has already left, you will need to make your own arrangements to take your child to the swimming pool.

Secondary School Transition Day

We are aware that the first swimming lesson on Wednesday 1st July falls on the same day as transition visits for some of our Year 6 children who will be attending their secondary schools.

Unfortunately, these were the only dates available to us at Brighton Swim School and therefore this clash could not be avoided. Children who are attending a secondary school transition visit on this date will not attend the swimming lesson and should instead follow the arrangements provided by their secondary school.

Cost

The swimming lessons and the cost of the coach are being fully funded by the school through the PE and Sports Premium, so there are no contributions required from parents or carers. For more information, please see the swimming FAQs on the school website.

Changing Rooms

The changing rooms at Brighton Swim School are separated into male and female facilities; however, they are communal, which means that the children will change in a room with their peers. The pool is closed to the public during this time, so only staff will be on site. If your child feels uncomfortable about this, they are more than welcome to bring a changing robe. Ideally, the children would come to school wearing their swimming costumes and change afterwards. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team