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KS2 Swimming Questionnaire Feedback

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to everyone who completed our recent swimming survey. We received 40 responses from our junior families. Your feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and will help us continue to shape high-quality swimming provision at Yorkley School.



How you value swimming at Yorkley

Parents rated school swimming 4.53 out of 5, showing how strongly you value this part of our PE curriculum. Many of you shared how important swimming is as a life skill, with one parent noting:



"Swimming is a vital life skill that all children should have. The ability to be confident and safe in water is paramount."

Impact on children

87.5% said it has improved their child's confidence.

87.5% said it has improved their child's swimming ability.

Linked to attendance, many children love attending school on a swimming day and look forward to the experience.



Parents highlighted the benefits clearly:



"My child enjoys swimming with her friends and finds it exciting and motivating."

"It builds confidence with getting ready and changed."

"Every extra minute in the pool has helped her improve."



Alongside swimming progress, families also shared gains in independence, resilience, wellbeing and social confidence.

Feedback from:

Responses came from all Junior classes:

Oberon – 15

Mercury – 13

Mariner – 10

Skylab – 2



Access to swimming beyond school

65% of children already attend swimming lessons outside school, while 35% rely on school as their main access to lessons. Even though many pay for additional lessons, feedback stated they still wanted it to happen in school.

“Some children don’t have the opportunity to go swimming, so it’s good that it’s available through school.”

“As a single parent, school lessons make swimming accessible for both of my children.”

“Even though I pay for lessons out of school, there are still so many benefits for it in school, thank you for offering it”.

Positives you identified

Across the 39 written comments, parents praised:

- Confidence building
- Water safety and life skills
- Having fun with friends
- Working with trained swimming instructors
- Improving technique and stamina
- Experiencing learning outside the classroom

“My child said swimming with their friends is motivating and exciting.”

“It gives them the chance to learn in a different environment with their friends.”

Suggestions for improvement

Around 15% of parents offered suggestions, including:

- Extending swimming from half a term to a full term but less classes take part. (Others however did not want this as it would be more expensive).
- A couple of concerns were raised about individual groupings.
- A very small number found the sessions challenging for their child.

We appreciate this honest feedback and will continue to review what is possible within pool availability, budget, staffing and our wider curriculum commitments.

Timing preferences

67.5% (27 children) prefer mornings; 32.5% (13 children) prefer afternoons. We will take this into account when planning future timetables.

We are thrilled that children are enjoying their lessons, building confidence, and developing such an essential life skill. Thank you again for taking the time to share your views.

Kind regards,

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