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Dear 4CG Parents,

Swimming Lessons for Class 4CG Children.

Swimming lessons for 4CG children will take place this term at the pool at the Sports Centre, St. Margaret's School in Merry Hill Road on Thursdays. Swimming is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 2 and is an important part of the children's Physical Education. Children should therefore go every week unless they are absent.

Swimming for 4CG starts on 23rd September and will continue each Thursday through the Autumn Term, excluding October half term. The children will walk to and from the pool leaving school at 9.00am as swimming starts at 9.15am should a child arrive at school late, then they will be unable to swim that day.

During the first session the children will be assessed and then placed in either a non-swimmers & beginner swimmers, an improvers or an advanced group. These groups are set by the swimming instructors and are therefore non-negotiable. Girls need a one-piece swimming costume and boys should wear a pair of trunks (no shorts please). All children with long hair require a swimming hat (hats are available from School Office at £1.50 each). If you can rub a small amount of talcum powder into the inside of the hat, it makes it much easier to put on! Your child will need a waterproof bag for wet clothes and all items of clothing including towels should be clearly named. Children should wear their swimming clothes under their school uniform to school to make changing quicker. Please remember to put underwear in the swimming bag. No jewellery may be worn in the pool, so children must be able to take out their stud earrings independently.

As of week beginning Monday 20th September 4CG children will no longer be required to come to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday until the end of the Autumn Term as swimming is their PE lesson. They should still wear PE kit on Friday as usual.

We request a voluntary contribution of £18.00 to go towards to the cost of hiring the pool and instructors. Please sign into the School Gateway to make payment (instructions attached) and tick the consent box no later than Friday 17th September.

Kind regards,
Helen Flint
Acting Headteacher