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Dear Parent/Carer,

13th June 2022 - Class 8 Swimming Lessons

Class 8 will begin their block of swimming lessons at Gosforth Pool on Monday 13th June 2022.

The pools new model to ensure all children in KS2 have a chance to learn to swim is 45-minute-long lessons, Monday to Friday for two weeks. This model has proven to be a more effective delivery as the consecutive days make it easier for the children to remember, provides more time in the water and ensures a higher level of active learning.

Therefore, from Monday 13th June for a two-week period, Class 8 will swim between 2.15pm – 3pm. The children will need to be collected later from school at 3.20/3.25pm.

Please note that swimming is a key part of the PE curriculum and as such, children must attend each session unless they are unwell and have a letter from your GP.

In order to comply with the swimming pool regulations, your child must bring their swimming cap with them to each session, together with their swimming costume/trunks (no bikinis or tankinis) and towel. **Please provide a swimming cap for your child (It is recommended to write their name on their cap).**

Gosforth Pool has a **no jewellery policy**. No child will be allowed to swim wearing earrings. It is your responsibility to remove earrings before school on swimming days, together with any other jewellery.

Hair must also be tied back.

Please also note that as the children have to walk to the pool, **rain or shine**, they should bring a **suitable coat** with them **every swim day**.

Request: Helpers for Swimming

Depending on staffing, we may need your help to escort the children to the pool and back each day. If you are able to spare the time on a rota basis, please email into the office at admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk indicating which day/s you are able to help if needed and helpers will be picked at random.

All helpers MUST have a valid DBS for safeguarding. Once a list of volunteers has been collated a rota will be pulled together. Mrs Carr will then contact you via email with a link for you to complete the DBS process. The valid certificate MUST be shown to Mrs Carr before you are able to help with the swimming lessons.

Please reply by Thursday 7th April if you are able to help and agree to complete the DBS process. We will then be in touch regarding a rota.

Thank you.

Mrs. R. Turner

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