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Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we have arranged swimming lessons for all the children in Year 5 during the Spring term, starting on **Tuesday 8th January** until **Tuesday 19th March 2024**.

We are pleased to say that the lessons will be taking place at the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre (previously the Hydro) Pool on Tuesday mornings leaving school at 10.30am and returning by 12.30pm. The children will have their lunch on return to school. The children will be walking to and from school, so please make sure your child is wearing sensible footwear and a coat.

We hire the pool, swimming instructors and lifeguards from the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre and the children are taught in groups according to ability. In order to meet the National Curriculum Requirements for the end of Key Stage 2, school will pay for the swimming lessons.

We reserve the right to exclude from swimming lessons any child whose behaviour we consider a danger to either themselves or others.

Children will need a swimming costume or trunks (not baggy swim shorts), a towel and comb/brush in a bag. To comply with health and safety guidelines, children should not wear any jewellery, their hair should be tied back and swimming caps should be worn. Please make sure children bring a coat or jacket on swimming days.

Please complete the [online permission form](#) regarding your consent and your child's swimming ability, and return it to school as soon as possible in order for us to take your child swimming. Due to the number of children who can be taught at the pool, we will only be able to take 45 of the children from the year group swimming. This means that some children will be taught in a second group, which will commence part way through the term. Please return your child's form as soon as possible and by **Thursday 21st December** at the latest. We will notify you whether your child has a place in the first swimming group by **Friday 22nd December**.

We will also be using the Swimphony programme provided by the Harrogate Leisure and Wellness Centre. This programme allows the Centre to keep the school up to date with your child's swimming progress and will highlight when your child has met the National Curriculum requirements. If your child does not meet the national swimming standards set by the government by the end of the Spring term, your child will have the opportunity to swim again during the Summer term.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hall
Headteacher

