Dear Families, 16.12.20

We are delighted to inform you that our Y4 children can commence swimming lessons from Friday 15th January 2021. The children will swim at John Smeaton and their lesson is booked from 1.30pm to 2pm. At this time, only Whinmoor St. Paul’s will be using the facilities. We want to make sure that our children get the most out of their time at the pool and are kept as safe as possible. With this in mind and in view of the pandemic, we ask for your support in the following areas:

* The changing rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and aired between school sessions and extra time between schools using the pool has been put in place. Therefore, we need our children to arrive ‘beach ready’ and not have to use the changing rooms at the start of the lesson. The best way to do this is if our boys wear their trunks to school underneath their trousers on Fridays. Our girls will be supervised to change into their costumes over the lunchtime period, prior to leaving for the pool. In this way, once the children arrive at the pool, they can leave their bags safely at the side of the pool area and then pick up their bags after the lesson to go into the recently cleaned changing rooms and get ready to return to school.
* We will not borrow any equipment from the centre. Therefore school will buy equipment for the whole class to use, however we ask that if your child needs arm-bands as they are non-swimmers, you provide these in a waterproof bag, which we can keep in school for the term. If you need support buying these, please talk to a member of the Y4 Team, or Mrs. Burns or Mrs. Brew in confidence.
* The school to pool transport is fully risk assessed and they have cleaning procedures in place.
* Our risk assessment around swimming, which has been agreed with Leeds City Council will be uploaded to our website at the start of the spring term.

Thank you.

Miss McBride

Head teacher

Whinmoor St. Paul’s