

"Every child is a unique child of God."

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S

C of E Primary School

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Dear Families,

Here at Whinmoor St Paul's we feel passionately that swimming is an essential skill that can save our life, and even the lives of others. Therefore, as it is a vitally important part of the National Curriculum, we are committed to ensuring all children can swim 25m by the end of Year 6.

We cannot stress enough how important this skill is, so please join us in helping all our children to learn to swim and raising standards overall. We plan to take your child swimming for the first two terms (Autumn and Spring) to ensure that they are both water confident and can swim at least 25m, if not further.

The first session, is on Friday 15th September 2023. During this session our qualified swimming instructors, alongside those provided by the swimming pool, will assess your child and place them into the correct swimming group. This will then give us the opportunity to ensure that every child is having their swimming needs met according to their confidence and ability.

The lessons, which will be 30 minutes in length, will take place every Friday afternoon. The children will swim at John Smeaton and their lesson is booked from 11am to 11.30am. At this time, only Whinmoor St. Paul's will be using the facilities.

Reminders to help you and your child prepare for their lessons;

Kit required: swimming costume (no bikinis or baggy swim shorts), towel, goggles (if your child needs these). Your child will also need to make sure they have a small bag (no large rucksacks) to put their swimming kits in. This bag should be for swimming only and children should bring their book bags as normal to school. Children should come to school swimming ready, with their swim suits under their clothing. Please remember to pack undergarments in their swimming bags for after swimming,

Please note: Shoulder length hair must be tied back. No jewellery to be worn in school/to the pool. Where stud earrings are worn these must be removed by parents before swimming. Inhalers must be taken to the swimming pool.

Thank you.

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