



Wednesday 12th February 2020

Dear Families of Maple Tree Class

RE: PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

I am delighted to inform you that this half term your child will take part in our Swimming Programme as part of their Year 4 Physical Education entitlement. We are sure that they will enjoy and benefit from the swimming course. This year we are swimming at the Barbican pool. We will travel to the pool by bus.

All children need to attend swimming as it is an important life skill and part of the national curriculum. If your child is unwell they will require a doctors' note to stop attendance. **A cough or cold will not be made any worse by getting into a swimming pool.** All children are given ample time to get changed and dry their hair.

Swimming will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Our first session will be on **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. We will be leaving school at 1.20pm and will return to school by 3.30pm.

The Swimming Programme aims to achieve the following objectives for your child:

- **To develop water confidence and water safety skills**
- **To master basic stroke techniques**
- **To participate in enjoyable social activity**
- **To participate in activities, which can help improve health and fitness**

Clothing requirements for swimming are as follow:

Girls:

- A one piece swimming costume (no bikinis please)
- A swimming hat
- A towel

Boys:

- A pair of trunks/shorts (no Bermuda's or long sports shorts please as these can be dangerous)
- A swimming hat
- A towel

Please ensure all items of clothing have a name tag clearly visible and it should be carried to school in a waterproof or plastic bag.

Yours Sincerely,

Toni Mason
Headteacher
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