



6 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming at Saltford School – Reception to Year 6

At Saltford we are extremely fortunate to have our own swimming pool which was built and equipped with funding from the PTA, in response to the tragic drowning of a local child. Many children have been able to learn the vital life skill of swimming over the years and have enjoyed the use of this facility. In recent times, Barracuda has operated the pool providing subsidised school swimming and private lessons out of school hours. Additional investment has been made since the children last swam in Term 1 in terms of a suspended ceiling, cladding, heating and air conditioning, etc to make this even better for our pupils to resume swimming lessons during terms 5 and 6.

To facilitate swimming this summer we have drawn up a timetable which can be accessed on our website [here](#). Please take note of when your child/children will be swimming to ensure that they have the appropriate clothing available on their swimming day as we do not have the capacity to contact home for forgotten costumes, etc with so many children swimming. The required kit is:-

- A one-piece swimming costume or trunks – no bikinis
- A named towel
- A named swimming hat (use permanent marker to name)
- A waterproof bag to be sent in with the child's swimming kit weekly
- No jewellery is to be worn

It is an important safety requirement to complete a swimming questionnaire for each child to inform our lesson groups. The majority of classes did this in September, although it would be appreciated if you could complete a brief form to highlight any possible changes and capture pupils who have joined the school since then. If there have been no changes, then this form does not need to be completed. The form for Years 1-6 can be found [here](#)

For the Reception children who have not had swimming lessons with school before, their more detailed form can be accessed [here](#). Although we are very fortunate to have volunteers to assist the children, it would be much appreciated if you could practice dressing/undressing with your child so that when changing into their costume/trunks, minimal support is required.

The deadline for completion of these forms is 9.00 am on **Friday 28th March**. After that time your child may not be placed in the appropriate group.

Swimming is an educational activity and part of the national curriculum. As a school we will report on your child's progress in swimming on their annual report. As such, it is important that children attend their swimming lessons. We know this is an important life skill and one we are very fortunate to have in school. We also appreciate that many of our children swim outside of school, but it is a valuable form of exercise and great fun for the children to swim alongside their friends.

Your support is very much appreciated. We are therefore requesting the following:-

1. Helpers to support lessons – please see role sheet on our website [here](#). If you wish to volunteer you **must** hold a valid DBS with the school. To keep a DBS valid it is a requirement to help in

school in any capacity eg reading, book swap, PTA event (eg cake sale) etc with no longer than a 3-month gap. Application packs for Reception parents/carers and others who are able to help are available from the school office. Please see the table below for the links to sign up.

- The contribution for swimming lessons is £3.00 per lesson per child. No child will be refused swimming on the grounds that their parents do not wish to make a financial contribution, but unless a substantial number of parents wish their child to take part and are willing to make a financial contribution, swimming may not be possible. The school does not receive any additional funding to allow for pool maintenance, payment of swimming teachers, etc. Payment can be made via MyChildAtSchool under the Products, School Products section. If you are able to contribute any additional funds beyond the contributions outlined below, this would of course be much appreciated. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, your lessons will be funded by the school.

EYFS/KS1

Class	Volunteer Link	Number of Sessions	Cost per child
Bumblebee	https://volunteersignup.org/CBF49	10	£30.00
Butterfly	https://volunteersignup.org/JCWCA	10	£30.00
Apple	https://volunteersignup.org/HTQCJ	10	£30.00
Pear	https://volunteersignup.org/RHJAX	12	£36.00
Palm	https://volunteersignup.org/MALHK	12	£36.00
Cherry	https://volunteersignup.org/LTLTL	12	£36.00


KS2

Class	Volunteer Link	Number of Sessions	Cost per child
Sycamore	https://volunteersignup.org/RAHYF	12	£36.00
Maple	https://volunteersignup.org/4D8MY	12	£36.00
Lime	volunteersignup.org/Q7XQF	12	£36.00
Willow	volunteersignup.org/QJ43E	9	£27.00
Elm	volunteersignup.org/PXCH7	9	£27.00
Horse Chestnut	volunteersignup.org/347YD	12	£36.00
Ash	volunteersignup.org/4Q7FD	10	£30.00
Oak	volunteersignup.org/H7XHT	8	£24.00

Where classes have a lower number of lessons, this is due to other school events or non-school days such as bank holidays. Year 6 are particularly impacted by the range of activities and opportunities open to them around camp, transition, SATs and leavers' service. Apologies it is not possible due to the tight programme to make changes around these events.

If you have any further questions with regards to swimming, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Yours faithfully



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