



1st May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Swimming for Children in Years 2 and 5
9 sessions throughout the Summer Term**

Having 'dipped our toe in the water' with Year 2 for the last few years we are really pleased to share with you that we plan to extend our full offer of swimming lessons to children in Year 2 as well as Year 5 again this term. We hope that this earlier experience will support Year 2 children when they return to the pool with us in Year 5, and see many more children leave Haytor View as confident swimmers – a life long skill that's particularly relevant when we live so close to the coast.

The children from both year groups will attend on the same **Thursday afternoons**, with lessons for one class following the other. **The first swimming session will take place on 8th May, the last on 10th July.**

The sessions will be led by qualified instructors at Newton Abbot Leisure Centre. This is a super opportunity and unique in that it will see children going swimming with so many friends alongside them. It is a great opportunity to learn, as well as a time to enjoy together.

Children will be provided with a learning group that matches their level of swimming experience, and members of the school team will be poolside to supervise changing, provide encouragement and help where needed.

The cost of each session is **£5.50, and payment must be made ahead of each session via the School Gateway app** where there will be an option to pay weekly, or the total sum of £49.50 covering the nine sessions. With the price of a swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre of £7.80 per lesson we feel that the cost of £5.50 per week, heavily supported by the school's Sports Premium funding represents decent value for money during what we recognise are challenging times.

Each week children are requested to bring with them a swimming costume and a towel.

A reply slip will be handed to your child to complete today.

Sadly we cannot take your child swimming unless we have a signed copy of this slip in our hands and payment for sessions have been received, so please get the slip back to us and make arrangements to make payments either in a lump sum or weekly ahead of sessions.

We are excited by the prospect of taking children from Key Stage 1 again, and always enjoy taking Year 5. Be assured that your child will be supported throughout the process with full supervision from Leisure Centre staff and instructors as well as school adults.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Butler
Acting Headteacher