



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Swimming for Children in Years 2 and 5 10 sessions throughout the Summer Term**

Having had plans for some years, we are really pleased to share with you that we now intend to extend our full offer of swimming lessons to children in Year 2 as well as Year 5 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 days of the sessions are detailed below:-

#### Swimming Sessions

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 **£5.00, 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 £50 covering the ten sessions. With the price of a swimming lesson at the Leisure Centre costing £6.60 per lesson we feel that the cost of £5.00 per week, which includes transport costs and is heavily supported by the school's Sports Premium funding and the Coffee & Cake team, 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 swimming for a full series of lessons the first time at Haytor View. 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 – just like Year 5!

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton  
Acting Head Teacher