

Naunton Park Primary School

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Swimming lessons for Frome and Severn 2023-2024

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to be able to offer swimming lessons for Year 5 children from February onwards.

The National Curriculum states:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

We are very lucky to have a great facility, qualified coaches and a lifeguard on our doorstep! Swimming lessons will take place at Cheltenham College for Frome and Severn for 15 weeks across 3 terms. Each lesson is 45-minutes in length and with children grouped into 3 ability/confidence level groups. The groups are determined during Session 1, when each child will be observed swimming a width in the shallow end. If your child cannot swim without aids, then these will be provided.

Children will have swimming lessons on a Monday morning as follows:

Date	Session	Times
Monday 26 th February	Session 1	Severn 10:45-11:30 (leave school 10:20am) Frome 11:30-12:15 (leave school 11:05am and lunch upon return to school)
Monday 4th March	Session 2	
Monday 11th March	Session 3	
Monday 18th March	Session 4	
Monday 25 th March	Easter Holidays	
Monday 1st April	Easter Holidays	
Monday 8 th April	Session 5	
Monday 15th April	Session 6	
Monday 22 nd April	Session 7	
Monday 29th April	Session 8	
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Monday 13 th May	Session 9	
Monday 20th May	Session 10	
Monday 27 th May	Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	Session 11	
Monday 10 th June	Session 12	
Monday 17 th June	Session 13	
Monday 24 th June	Session 14	
Monday 1st July	Session 15	
w/c 1st July – date TBC	Y4-6 Swimming Gala	











Payment

Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and we therefore expect all children to attend. That being said, we request that parents contribute to the cost of the lessons as this is a large expense for any school. The cost of these lessons totals £61.26 per child. Please make your contribution via ParentPay by Tuesday 20th February. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please email admin@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk if you wish for some support to pay for the lessons.

If you are able to help with the walk to/from the college each Monday, then we'd very much appreciate it! Please email admin@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk if you are able to help. If you are not already a regular volunteer, then you'll be required to complete a brief form, provide ID and will need school to apply for a DBS on your behalf. Therefore, please let us know you're available to help as soon as possible to allow time for the processing of this information.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Hudson

Deputy Headteacher