



ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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YEAR 5 SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer

I have recently been successful in applying for additional swimming pool time at Brighouse Pool and therefore, all of Year 5 will have a 30 minute weekly session starting next week (week beginning 3rd October). I understand that the pupils only swam for half of the year last year (due to the pool closure in the previous year) as opposed to the full academic year which we usually book and I am keen to ensure 100% of our pupils achieve the expected standard in swimming.

All pupils in class France will swim on a Monday morning (starting Monday 3rd October).

All pupils in class Germany will swim on a Wednesday morning (starting Wednesday 5th October).

Pupils in class Germany will arrive back at school at 12.20pm so will have a shorter lunchtime than their peers. The classes will swap (Germany on a Monday and France on a Wednesday) after February half term so that the times missing 20 minutes of their lunchtime are equal. This is far from ideal but I am sure that you will understand that our priority is ensuring that all of the children at St. Andrew's should achieve the National Curriculum standard and are safe when in and around water. This is a life skill which we value greatly. All pupils will have plenty of time to eat their lunch and play with their friends after the swimming lesson.

There is not an option for children to 'opt out' of swimming lessons as the lessons are part of the National Curriculum and it is expected that all pupils will arrive at school with the appropriate kit. All pupils in Year 5 will attend the lessons throughout the whole year.

The lessons have come at a huge additional expense to the school and I know that our families will always encourage their children to participate to the best of their ability.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs A. Jocelyn
Head of School