



# The Hills Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Swimming Lessons Spring Term – commencing Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The pupils at The Hills are fortunate in being offered weekly swimming lessons in **Year 2, 3, and 4** as part of the curriculum. Lessons are currently held at the Trinity College Pool and the children are taken to and from the pool by bus. Instruction is given by fully qualified Level 1 & 2 swimming teachers who work with groups of approximately 12 children.

**Please ensure that your child brings swimming kit every Tuesday. This needs to include: a swimming costume or trunks, towel and a swimming hat. No long or baggy shorts, two piece swimwear or earrings to be worn if your child wears a religious band please make sure they are covered by a sweatband for safety reasons.**

Swimming is a compulsory part of our school curriculum and all children are expected to participate unless there are exceptional medical circumstances (or short term issues such as a plastercast). If your child is too unwell to go swimming, outside of these exceptions, then he or she is not well enough to be in school. Medical exceptions should be put in writing to the school office and if we do not receive a letter or email we will provide spare swimming kit and your child will swim. **If your child has a verruca please could you treat the verruca with bazooka the verruca as this forms a waterproof seal and they do not have to wear a swim sock.**

We do ask parents to contribute to the cost of the lessons, but inability to pay the full amount does not prevent children from participating. This term we are asking for a contribution of £ 2.15 per lesson for 12 weeks, £ 25.80.

We also ask if any parents are available to help on a rota basis. **All helpers will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced criminal record check.** Please come to the school reception for the relevant forms. If you are able to accompany your child's class occasionally, the times that you would be needed are:

**Year 2 9.15 – 10.45    Year 3 9.45 – 11.15    Year 4 10.15-11.45**

Please log into your parent pay account to make payment for the term and to update the school on your child's swimming achievements.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Whitehead