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Hucknall National Primary School Swimming

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to inform you that swimming lessons will be starting for our year 3 children next week. Lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons at Hucknall Leisure Centre. The National Curriculum requirement for Key Stage 2 is that children should be able to swim 25 metres. **Mrs Greenhill's class will swim for 11 weeks from 6th September to 29th November 2022. Mr Kenny's class will swim for 11 weeks from 6th December 2022 to 28th March 2023.**

Children should wear normal uniform on swimming days. It is school policy that all jewellery must be removed during all PE lessons. Any child who has hair that can touch the eyes, nose or mouth at all when wet, must wear swimming hats for safety reasons. (Hats may be purchased from school at a cost of £1). The Education Committee recommendation is that goggles should not be worn for school swimming lessons. However, if parents insist, a form is available at the office to give permission. Your child is not allowed to wear goggles if they have not been given written permission on the form provided. For safety; boys must wear trunks **not** swimming shorts. Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume **not** a bikini or tankini. **For more information please see Swimming Lessons – Guidance for Parents under the Letters section of the school website.**

As with all PE lessons, children suffering with asthma will not be allowed to swim if they do not have their inhaler available poolside.

Please note that children may be a few minutes late getting back to school. Children may be **collected by an adult** directly from the Leisure Centre on these days provided we have received prior notification **in writing**. This is on the understanding that if no-one is there to collect a child by 3.00 p.m. the child will have to return to school as Leisure Centre staff cannot accept responsibility for their supervision. Parents should wait in the reception area and not enter the changing rooms.

Children returning to school will all re-enter the building to collect reading folders, lunch boxes etc. and then meet parents to go home in the usual way. For the safety of your children, we ask that you either collect your child from the pool or

remain on school premises until the children return to school and not collect children along the way.

We realise that this will mean a few minutes delay for some families, but ask you to understand that 'dropping off' individual children en-route from leisure centre to school makes supervision and safety of class groups more difficult. Therefore, children **will not** be allowed to do this.

We need at least 2 people to come along as safety observers for each swimming session and would welcome offers of help. Without these observers, swimming will not be able to take place. We will leave school on Tuesday at 1.45 p.m. and return to school for 3.15 p.m.

Because children's safety is paramount, helpers with swimming will be asked to complete an online Disclosure and Barring Service Application and provide school with identity documentation as part of the checking process. The findings are totally confidential and school is only informed of any information relating to child safety. If you are able to help by observing swimming sessions, please let us know.

Thank you.

Year 3 Teachers