



Park Lane Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 Swimming at the Manor Leisure Pool, Whittlesey
Wednesday 9th, 16th, 30th June and 7th, and 14th July

As you are aware the Physical Education National Curriculum 2000 requirements include swimming as part of the children's education. We are fortunate to still have exclusive use of the Manor Leisure Centre swimming pool every Wednesday morning and are able to offer our children the opportunity to participate in a course of five 40 minute lessons in small groups over a 5 week period. The children will be walked to and from the pool supervised at all times by school adults.

The sessions are led by Mr Ingham and incorporate both the ASA and Cambridge Schemes of work to form a Park Lane swimming syllabus. We hope that this will help to improve the pupil's swimming ability whilst working within the parameters of the National Curriculum. This year in order to aid the development of the children, we have decided to use 2 fully qualified swimming teachers, who are supplied by the Manor Leisure Centre. We hope that this will have a significant impact upon the progress the children will make, which is the reason for the additional cost this year.

Under Health and Safety requirements at the swimming pool we are asked to notify the pool staff of any relevant medical conditions of pupils. Please advise your child's class teacher of any conditions. **As additional safety measures we ask that all children wear a swimming cap, (a limited supply are available for purchase from school for £1.50), and no below the knee swimming shorts to be worn.**

It is anticipated that your child will participate in this course of lessons. Due to the impact of Covid-19, the government has allowed schools for this year only to subsidise the cost of swimming through the sport premium money. Therefore for this year only, there will be no charge for swimming. Due to the limited number of weeks available we have also decided to prioritise swimming for Year 6 children as this will be their last opportunity to swim at Park Lane. **Only Year 6 pupils will swim this year.**

We have spoken to the Manor about their Covid-19 safety measures and we are happy that they align with ours. Children will swim in their class bubbles and we have extended the time in the water to ensure they meet end of year expectations in swimming. There will be time for them to change and for the changing facilities to be sanitised before the next bubble use them. We have also been assured that members of the public are only using the changing rooms for very limited reasons.

Please ensure you provide the class teacher by email with details of any medical conditions along with the level of swimming your child is currently working towards if they participate in out of school lessons. This will help us to group the children into ability groups.

Yours sincerely,

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