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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted to offer swimming lessons during the Autumn Term 2026 to children currently in Year 4 who will be in Year 5 from September. They will take place on Tuesday's and Thursday's at the Tipton Swimming Centre from 1:45pm to 2:15pm commencing on **Tuesday 8th September 2026** and finishing on **Thursday 17th December 2026**.

From September, if your child is in **Panthers class**, your swimming day will be on a **Tuesday**.
From September, if your child is in **Jaguars class**, your swimming day will be on a **Thursday**.

As the baths are local, we will be walking round so children will need to have a waterproof coat and appropriate shoes in school in case of rain.

Girls need to have a one-piece costume and a towel. A swimming hat is strongly recommended, this helps to stop long hair from getting too tangled and avoids some of the discomfort when it has to be combed or brushed out. Long hair not in a hat will need to be tied back out of the face. Deodorant is not permitted.

Boys need shorts that do not come below the knee and a towel. Bermuda style shorts are too long and make it difficult to learn a good swimming style. Deodorants are not permitted.

The swimming baths do not allow jewelry of any kind so earrings and studs will have to be removed. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, it's a good idea to wait until after the swimming sessions end.

Goggles are permitted but many children find them difficult to use, especially if they are not fitted properly so could you please check that they are tight enough to fit securely around the eyes, but not so tight that they hurt. If you can't get a good fit please don't send them as they will not be any use in the water.

We have a great success rate at teaching children to swim and to be confident in the water even when they start off apprehensively. The children love it and it is an integral part of our PE curriculum so please ensure that they bring their kit every week.

In line with Health and Safety legislation our staff will spend a considerable amount of time completing the relevant paperwork to ensure all children are safe and all medical conditions are managed appropriately. The one-off consent form for Offsite and Out of Hours activities will be used for this.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Collins
Head Teacher