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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Y4 Swimming Lessons

As part of the PE Curriculum, children in Year 4 will be having swimming lessons after Easter at the Tom Dean Swim School at Braywick Leisure Centre.

All the children will be assessed during their first session and grouped accordingly. Each group will progress at their level - in different areas of the pool. For some, it will be improving their speed and technique, others will be developing their confidence and swimming ability.

As part of the National Curriculum, swimming is mandatory and as it is within the normal school day, we do not require your specific consent for your son/daughter to attend. There will be at least 2 adults going from Wessex, with the children, but they will be taught by professional swimming coaches at Braywick, 10 children to each coach.

The lessons will take place every Tuesday morning during school time starting on Tuesday 14th April, and will be for 10 weeks. The last lesson will take place on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

The full cost which includes transport by coach to and from the Leisure Centre is £85.00 per pupil for the term. Although swimming is part of the curriculum, we are not given the extra funds to pay for it.

Payment is voluntary but we would be grateful of any amount of contribution you can make. Payments can also be made in instalments, between February and June, or in full on the Arbor Parent Portal under Trips.

The children will need to bring in a clearly named swimming costume and towel. Please note that no Bermuda shorts are to be worn by the boys and the girls must wear a one-piece suit, no bikinis. All children are required to wear a swimming cap, if a child forgets their hat one week they will be allowed to swim however if they forget it the following week, they will not be allowed to enter the water. Children can wear goggles for lessons, but these must be purchased before the lessons begin.

The children need to bring in an extra snack each Friday for after their lesson but please remember that it must be nut free.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Ashby & Mrs Conlon

