



AISKEW, LEEMING BAR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Swimming lessons for children will begin on Friday 6th January for Eagles and Bears at Northallerton Leisure Centre. The bus leaves at 9:05 so we request that parents ensure all children are in school before this time.

We strongly believe that the ability to swim is an essential life skill and we are very fortunate to be able to offer all the children in our school one full term of high quality swimming lessons this academic year. Your child will either be taught by a member of staff from school or the leisure centre. We are extremely fortunate that Mrs Stones holds an ASA swimming qualification and will be following the ASA School Swimming programme. Therefore, we know that you will be reassured that any member of staff teaching your child – whether they be from school or the leisure centre – is appropriately qualified.

The children are split into groups when we swim. These range from a group that concentrates on water confidence to a group that works in-depth on life saving, competitive swimming techniques and developing stamina. Your child will be placed in a group with other children of a similar ability – these are not banded in the same way as the ASA and other club swimming programmes. **Please complete the attached form overleaf to guide us on your child's ability.**

It is an expectation that all children will work safely and behave well during our swimming lessons, regardless of who is teaching them. Pupils who compromise safety or disrupt the learning of others, will be removed from the pool and sanctioned according to our behaviour policy. Repeated incidences of disruption and unsafe behaviour may lead to children being withdrawn from our swimming programme for a specific period of time.

The block of lessons will run for 12 weeks from Friday 6th January to Friday 7th April (excluding 13th January and 24th February). We ask that your child brings their swimming kit to school, and regardless of the weather, a warm coat for the return journey. A voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child per week or one instalment of £30.00 for the whole term would be appreciated in helping us to meet the cost of transport and swimming instructors (please note that in order to keep costs down, we already subsidise our swimming sessions using PE Premium Funding). These monies should be sent into school in an envelope with the amount enclosed and your child's name and class written on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to '**Aiskew Leeming Bar CE Primary School**'.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our swimming programme, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A. Stones

Please return this form to school by Wednesday 14th December or sooner

Name of child: _____

	Please tick as appropriate	Additional information
My child is not yet confident in the water/my child is happy in water but is not yet able to attempt to swim or float without an aid, e.g. float, woggle etc.		
My child can travel through the water unaided for 5- 10 m and with a swim aid, e.g. float, woggle etc., for up to 25 m.		
My child can travel through the water unaided for 10 – 25 m. They can tread water and float unaided. They can happily jump in to the deep end of a swimming pool.		
My child can swim unaided using any stroke, for repeated lengths of 25 m. They can tread water for a minimum of 3 minutes. They can enter the deep end of the pool using, e.g. jumps, sitting dives.		
My child can swim unaided for a prolonged period of time accurately using any stroke, including butterfly. They can enter the water using a racing dive. They are able to perform personal and group life saving techniques.		