



Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be starting swimming lessons after Christmas for Skylarks class (years 1 and 2) and some children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

As I am sure you are aware, learning to swim is a compulsory part of the national curriculum for key stage 2. We feel water confidence is important from an early age so will also be extending our offer to the year 1 and 2 pupils. Government guidelines state that by the time children complete primary school, they should be able to swim at least 25 metres. We want all our children to be confident swimmers and to be safe in the water before they leave our school and we trust you will encourage them to make the most of this opportunity.

Your child will need appropriate swimwear, a towel and a swimming hat in a plastic carrier bag. If they prefer to wear goggles these can be brought too. Our allocated swim lesson is **Monday at 10:30-11am**, the coach will be leaving at around 10.10am and will return to the school at around 11:30am. As we will be swimming earlier in the day this year we will be back in time for lunch so hot dinners will not be affected and can be ordered as normal.

If your child has not been swimming with school before, it would be beneficial if you could practise changing in and out of their swimming kit at home over this term so that they are prepared for changing independently. We will use either communal separate male and female changing rooms or individual cubicles in same sex pairs, depending on what is available at the pool. Adults will not be going into the changing rooms to assist with changing so it is important that your child can get themselves ready independently. We will of course assist with goggles and swimming hats as required.

Please note that swimming for this group of children will start on Monday 13th January 2025 and continue until Monday 14th July 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Godbold

Executive Head

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