



25th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Swimming lessons for Year 5 children (Summer Term)

School will be providing all children in Year 5 the opportunity to have swimming lessons throughout the Summer term. Swimming is compulsory in all primary schools. Children will learn to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m using a range of swimming strokes (front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke). Children will be taken by coach and escorted by school staff to Liverpool Aquatic Centre (Wavertree Sports Centre) every Thursday afternoon at 12.30pm. Children will have normal lunch arrangements in school and will return back in school for home time.

For health and safety reasons all children with long hair (girls and boys) must wear a swimming cap. In addition, boys are expected to wear swimming trunks that are a good fit. Children will need to bring their swimming kits into school every **Thursday** starting from **Thursday 15th April 2021**. Swimming kit consists of a towel, swimming costume/trunks and cap (if required).

As time is restricted at the pool, we are asking children to come to school dressed in their full school PE kit (polo t-shirt, joggers and black pumps) and bring a waterproof coat.

If you have any questions about swimming lessons, please contact school on 0151 522 5748.

Thank you for your continued support.

Greenbank Primary School

Information from School Improvement - Liverpool

Dear Parents/Carers

As school swimming officer I am responsible for the organisation and delivery of your child's school swimming lessons. These are very unusual and uncertain times and whilst I am looking forward to seeing the children of our City back in the swimming pool, I do understand that as a parent you may have some concerns. I would like to provide you with some information regarding the measures put in place to ensure the school swimming lessons are COVID safe, following both government and Swim England guidance.

The programme is split into 3 sections:

Facility / changing

Lessons

Transport

Each area has been looked at in depth and assessed to ensure guidelines are in place. Below are some of the measures that have been put in place for each area:

Facility/ changing

Reduced number of lessons in all facilities

Only one bubble in the building at a time

Gaps in between bubbles leaving and arriving so no cross over of different schools

Allocated changing areas and toilet facilities

All changing areas cleaned in line with the guidance after use before a new bubble is allowed to enter

Different entrances and one-way systems in place

Hand sanitiser at the entrances to all buildings

Lessons

Throughout the duration of the lesson swimming teachers will remain socially distanced from all children

Swimming teachers allocated pool areas to ensure no moving around and cross over

Swimming teachers are allocated their own equipment which is cleaned at the end of each lesson

Teaching areas are cleaned at the end of each lesson

Restrictions on the age of the children attending

Transport

This is only applicable if your child's school uses the transport provided by us.

Any school arranging their own transport will have their own procedures in place.

There is a procedure in place with the transport companies to ensure that they are COVID safe.

This includes a dedicated vehicle for your child's bubble

Vehicle will only be used by your child's bubble until they have been returned to school at which point the bus will be cleaned before any other journey takes place.

Track and trace is in place.

Swimming is something that I am very passionate about and believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim and we have taken every step to ensure your child is able to enjoy swimming.

I hope that this information reassures you that everyone's safety is our priority in these very unsettling times.

Kind Regards

Niki Horton

School Swimming Officer