

September 2022

Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you that swimming lessons will be commencing for Nottingham Class on Wednesday 14 September.

Leeds City Council have conducted thorough risk assessments to ensure that conditions at the pool in **Fearnville Leisure Centre** are safe and secure. Leisure centre staff will teach the swimming lessons alongside school staff. This has been fully risk assessed and procedures have been clearly communicated with us here at school. The children will travel to and from the pool via a coach company. Again, the bus company has undertaken risk assessments to minimise risks when using the bus service.

Thank you for returning the swimming competency questionnaire. The swimming teachers will assess each student and place them in groups according to swimming confidence and teach a bespoke curriculum suited to the needs of the students.

Your child will need to bring:

- swimwear worn under their PE kit every Wednesday
- dry underwear to put on after the session
- a towel
- a good-sized bag to fit all their wet things inside (a reusable supermarket bag is ideal)
- (optional) a bobble and / or swimming hat or shower cap for long hair
- (optional) arm bands or discs if you want your child to wear them - these must come to school already inflated

Do not bring any toys or pool noodles.

Your child **MUST** wear their swimwear under their school clothes. This is so that they can get changed quickly on arriving at the centre. We do not have a school branded swim kit. Your child has the autonomy to choose their own swimwear that is suitable for swimming lessons i.e. swimwear for boys can be shorts but must not go past the knee and for girls, a one-piece swimming costume.

You can support your child by practising a "dry run" at home i.e. have a bath/shower with swimwear on and then do the process of quickly drying off and getting dressed into their PE kit in 7 minutes. Children will have access to changing rooms at the end of their lesson and have been allocated a maximum of SEVEN MINUTES to get changed by the Leisure Centre. This is so that they can maximise their swim time and leave the centre promptly. Should a child require the use of showers due to a medical condition then this can be accommodated.

If you have any further queries about the swimming lessons, please ask. We look forward to starting the swimming lessons for our children.

Mrs Rundle

Vice Principal

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Please complete the attached slip and return to the school office or class teacher.

I would like my child to go swimming at Fearnville Leisure Centre on Wednesdays throughout Year 4.

My child will arrive at school beach ready (wearing swimwear under their PE kit) and will bring a towel and dry underwear in a bag

I will inform school if my child has a medical need which requires them to shower after the pool

Child's name _____ Parental signature _____

