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Year 6 Swimming

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to inform you that Year 6 will commence swimming from Friday 11th September. As we are adhering to Covid guidelines we will only be allowing Year 6 to swim for the foreseeable future.

For Autumn Term 1 the Year 6 girls will be going swimming each week. Please can you ensure the children bring their swimming costumes and a swimming hat to school each Friday. I would like to reassure you that we have liaised carefully with Marl Pits to ensure that the facilities are being used in accordance with all Covid guidance.

Listed below I have summarised the procedures for school swimming. Marl Pits have also created a short video to explain what swimming lessons will look like this year. I have copied the link below:

<https://youtu.be/uzZxZlIO-ZY>

St Marys Swimming Procedures

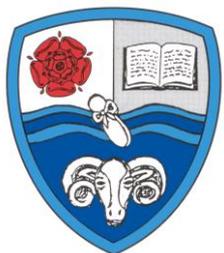
- **For the journey to and from the swimming baths please ensure your child has a face covering to wear on the school coach.**
- **Year 6 will be the only class swimming this year – this will be boys and girls alternating each half term.**

Procedures at Marl Pits

Following guidance from government and governing bodies, the following steps will be followed;

- Entry to the building will be via the front entrance, the reception team will inform the teachers of the changing area allocated for your school. The school teachers will now complete the lesson numbers & sign in on poolside reducing the amount of time spent in reception area. Swimming caps can be purchased as always, these are £4.50.
- No other swimmers will be using the building while school swimming is taking place, allowing the schools to use the main changing area and the school swimming changing area.





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- Teaching staff within the bubble will be required to help the children with their swimming caps and buoyancy aids allowing centre staff to follow distancing guidelines.
- Equipment will be sanitised and ready for school use, once the lesson is over, all equipment will be removed and placed in cleaning solution for the required time as per guidance.
- Freshly sanitised equipment will be used for each school.
- There will be a 15-minute gap between schools to allow for poolside to be cleaned down and equipment sanitised and changed.
- Exiting the building, schools using the main changing area will leave via the fire door on poolside, schools using the school swimming changing area will exit out of the fire door located in the corridor, walking down the side of the building to meet the bus. Both routes have access to a pavement.
- Hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit, and on poolside
- Toilets will be available with hand washing facilities
- No showers will be in use, although if children need to rinse down after the lesson this can be arranged please let the swim team know on arrival on poolside so they can direct you to the shower.

To assist with communication all of the information related to swimming is also available on the school website at www.stmaryscep.org Please click on the heading 'September Opening'

Yours sincerely

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