



FAIR FIELD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Fair Field Junior School

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Dear 3 Lime Parent/Carer,

Swimming at Haberdashers' Boys School – starting this Friday 30th September 2022

We have just received confirmation of the exciting opportunity of swimming sessions for the children of 3 Lime commencing this Friday 30th September. Apologies for the short notice. Swimming will begin the afternoon of **Friday 30th September 2022** and will continue for 4 weeks until half term. We will confirm the arrangements for after half term in a few weeks. 3 Jade will be receiving specialist music teaching this half term, also at Habs, and it is therefore likely we will swap the provision over to expose both classes to these experiences. This might not, however, be straight after half term.

Travel

The children will travel to and from Habs by coach accompanied by members of school staff.

Teaching and supervision

Your child will be taught swimming by qualified swimming instructors. Lifeguards are also present. In addition, your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will accompany them throughout. Adult to pupil ratios will be at least 1:8 at pool side. In the first session, the instructors will carefully assess the ability of all children. I will also be present. The pool floor can be raised in sections to accommodate non swimmers. It would be helpful for us to know their swimming ability if you are able to indicate in the notes section on Gateway.

Cost

There is no cost for these sessions.

Kit

Your child will need swimming trunks or sensible swimming shorts for boys or a swimming costume for girls (not separates). Your child will also need to bring a towel. All children with hair below their shoulders must wear a swimming hat. It is preferred that children do not wear goggles, unless they have been taught breathing techniques, but children may wear them if they wish. There will always be the opportunity to wear goggles once they have developed their breathing skills. Swimming kit must be put in a named separate bag. **If you are going to have difficulties sourcing these items at short notice please let us know and we will endeavour to help. They may wear their PE kit to school on Fridays for these sessions.**

Expectations

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore it is an expectation that if your child is well enough to be in school they are fit to swim. We follow a swimming scheme designed for schools by Swim England and it is progressive and rewarding. If you or your child have any anxieties surrounding swimming, please see a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Goodwin
Head of School