



# Fair Field Junior School

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19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Year 5 and 6 (from September),

## Swimming in the Autumn Term (The Venue, Borehamwood)

Swimming will begin the morning of **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022** and will continue throughout the Autumn Term. The lessons are timetabled as 11 weekly 30-minute lessons for each class. The last lesson will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Travel

The children will travel to and from The Venue in Borehamwood by coach accompanied by members of school staff.

### Teaching and supervision

Your child will be taught swimming by qualified swimming instructors. 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.

### Cost

We will be using our school Sports Premium to subsidise the lessons/travel by 50%. Therefore, this year we are asking parents to contribute **£35** towards the cost of swimming for the lessons.

**Please pay via the school Gateway. By paying on the Gateway, you are giving consent for your child to attend.**

### Kit

Your child will need swimming trunks or sensible swimming shorts for boys (not baggy), 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 absolutely required. There will always be the opportunity to wear goggles once they have developed their breathing skills. Swimming kit must be worn to school and underwear put in a named separate bag.

### 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