



VAUGHAN
Primary School

Y5 Swimming Parent Meeting

1ST DECEMBER 2021



Aims of the Meeting

1. National Curriculum Expectations
2. Swimming at Vaughan Primary School
3. Changes to Previous arrangements
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National Curriculum Expectations

Swimming and water safety

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

In particular, pupils should be taught to:

swim competently, confidently and proficiently **over a distance of at least 25 metres**

use **a range of strokes** effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]

perform **safe self-rescue** in different water-based situations



Swimming at Vaughan Primary School

Year 5 have historically always been the year group to swim. However due to the pandemic, we have a number of pupils in the Junior School who have missed out of their planned swimming experience. The school has made changes to the provision and the following explains what will be in place for your child in the Autumn Term:

- Swimming lessons will take place at Hatch End Pool (Everyone Active)
- Lessons are weekly (Thursday mornings) running throughout the Autumn Term
- The Harrow Schools' policy for swimming (see Harrow Schools' Guidelines for Swimming) is that children should not wear goggles. Goggles may be worn with written request and the reasons for this will be in the letter sent out to you following this meeting
- Swimming hats must be worn and provided from home.
- Lessons are 30 minutes per class, with classes split into 3 groups depending on individuals swimming competence.
- Pupils change at the pool in separate changing areas (no showering or hairdryers) – towel, underwear!
- Travel is by coach (pick up from Tesco Express) and there should be 1 ½ hours from leaving school to return back to school on Thursday mornings
- Snacks – your child will need to bring a healthy snack to eat after swimming (Reminder: we are a nut free school)
- Absence from swimming - If there is an occasion when your child is unable to go swimming, we must have a letter from parents to state why



Changes to previous arrangements

Following the National Lockdowns we were acutely aware that our current Year 6 cohort had not had the opportunity to swim at school. In planning for this year the school also wants the pupils in Year 4 and 5 to have an opportunity to swim this year.

Therefore the following plan was developed:

Year 6 = Autumn Term 2021

Year 5 = Spring Term 2022

Year 4 = Summer Term 2022

Return to previous plan in Academic Year 2022/23: (with booster sessions planned for some Year 5 and 6 swimmers in May Half Term 2022, if possible)

Year 5 to swim in Autumn Term (Autumn 2022) and Spring Term (Spring 2023)

Year 4 to swim in Summer Term (Summer 2022)

This slide may be of particular interest to parents with pupils in Year 4. However, we will be holding another meeting for these parents in the Spring Term.



Medical Information

To enable us to keep the most up-date records for your child's health and safety, there will be a form that follows this meeting which needs to be completed if your child has a medical condition (e.g. Asthma, Epilepsy). If your child takes any type of medication, please include this information on the form.

You may also be required to update or complete a Health Care Plan for your child if you have not already done so. If your child needs to be absent from swimming for an extended period of time, a medical certificate will be required to explain the absence.



Payments

As stated, swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and the school is funded to provide these sessions for pupils. However, the cost of transporting pupils to the swimming pool is not funded, and due to a reduced budget, and after approval from the Governing Body, the school has no option but to request a voluntary contribution of £20.00 for the term in order for us to transport your child to and from the swimming pool.

The school will set up payments for pupils using the Schoolmoney payment system and this can be accessed in the usual way as you would to pay for a school trip. It is with regret that this request is being made but it will go a long way in ensuring that your child is able to complete the swimming programme on offer.

A photograph of a group of children in school uniforms sitting in a classroom. One child in the center is raising their hand. The image has a red tint. The text "Questions?" is overlaid on the left side.

Questions?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING