



VAUGHAN
Primary School

Y4 Swimming Parent Meeting

20TH MARCH 2026



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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.

This is part of the National Curriculum- therefore statutory.

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 is included in the National Curriculum because it is an important life skill!



Swimming at Vaughan Primary School

- Swimming lessons take place at Hatch End Pool (through Everyone Active)
- Lessons are weekly (Thursday mornings) running throughout the Summer Term (see next slide for additional information)
- 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 are in the letter sent out to you.
- 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 (assessed by Swimming teachers).
- Pupils change at the pool in separate changing areas (minimal showering and no hairdryers) – towel, and underwear is needed!
- 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- swimming is a legal requirement.



Current arrangements

Year 4 to swim in Summer Term (Summer 2026 **for current cohort**)

Year 5 to swim in Autumn Term (Autumn 2026 **for current cohort**) and Spring Term (Spring 2027 **for current cohort**)

Addition to curriculum swimming

We will continue to utilise the Sport Premium funding to offer booster sessions for some Year 5 and 6 swimmers in half terms next academic year to support progress towards the expected level of the National Curriculum (25 metres in a variety of strokes)



Medical Information

To enable us to keep the most up-date records for your child's health and safety.

A letter and form has already gone home to parents/carers with key information.

If your child takes any type of medication, or you need to update your child's medical needs, 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 Arbor payment system and you will receive a notification when this payment is ready for settlement. It can be accessed in the usual way as you would to pay for any other 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 group of children in school uniforms are seated in an audience. The child in the center foreground has their right hand raised. The image has a warm, reddish-orange tint. The text 'Questions?' is overlaid on the left side, and 'THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING' is overlaid at the bottom center.

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