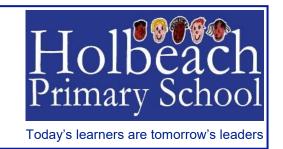
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Thursday 22nd May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

I am writing to confirm that Year 5 will have another block of daily swimming lessons at The Glass Mill Leisure Centre in Lewisham from Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 13th June.

Each day, **5L will have their lesson from 10am to 11am** and **5G will have their lesson from 11am to 12pm**. The children will then have their lunch upon returning to school.

Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a swimming costume and a towel. Girls need to wear a one piece swimming costume. Children are advised to wear a swimming cap and goggles. Jewellery should not be worn, and long hair should be tied back. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name and class. Children may bring a nut-free snack to enjoy after swimming if they wish e.g. fruit, crisps.

Please note that **swimming is a compulsory part of the national curriculum** and every child in England is expected to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year 6. If your child is well enough to attend school and play outside at playtime, then they are well enough to access the whole curriculum, swimming included. Therefore, if you wish to withdraw your child from any part of the national curriculum then you are responsible for your child for that period of time. The school does not have the facility to place them in other classes and we will expect you to pick your child up.

However, we do understand that there may be some extenuating circumstances when we have to provide alternative provision for children not going swimming. For example, if a child is on their period, has a broken arm or leg or for any medical condition verified by a doctor's note.

If your child is recorded in school as having asthma, please make sure they have their asthma pump with them on that day to take with them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bulpitt Headteacher

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