

# St. John's C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are happy to inform you that we have booked one swimming skills assessment session for all our Y5&6 children of our school. As part of the PE curriculum, we aim to support as many of our children to be able to swim 25m confidently. The aim of this session is to assess the children's swimming skills and based on the outcomes, offer a block of 8 swimming lessons during the spring or summer term to the children that need it the most. We request all the children to take part in the assessment session and arrangements have been made to assess both confident, non-confident and novice swimmers with the use of the main, as well as the teaching-practice shallow swimming pool.

The plan is that children come to school in the morning of the day they are scheduled to swim, and walk to Bristol University pool escorted by members of staff and parents/carers helpers. The session will be from 10.00-10.45am and will take place on a Thursday, between November the 9th and December the 7th (see date for each class in the table below). Children will need to come into school wearing their swimming kit under their school clothes and have with them a change of underwear, a towel, swimming goggles (if needed) and a wet bag to put their wet stuff inside for the rest of the day. They will also need their water bottle and a coat suitable for the weather of the day.

Children will need to be able to change independently as adults will not be allowed in the changing room and cannot assist, unless the child has 1:1 support, in which case specific arrangements will be made in communication with the parent/carer.

Please inform your class teacher if you are able to walk with us to and from the pool on any of the days given. We will need 2 parents/carers to assist for each day.

**For any issues regarding your child's swimming skills and confidence in water that we need to be aware of, or if you want extra information on how your child will be supported during that assessment, please contact your class teacher or Mr Samaras via the office.**

| Class    | Date  |
|----------|-------|
| Muller   | 09/11 |
| Guppy    | 16/11 |
| Cabot    | 23/11 |
| Brunel   | 30/11 |
| Campbell | 07/12 |