



# Ranvilles Junior School

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## Year 3 Swimming

Dear Parents

We are delighted to be able to offer swimming lessons exclusive to Ranvilles Junior pupils. We have secured a regular Friday afternoon slot at Heathfield School swimming pool. We have invested in training to ensure teachers have the relevant swimming safety qualifications to coach pupils effectively and are fortunate in that we have some specialist teachers. All the children will swim for a second time at Barncroft Primary School later in their schooling years.

The National Curriculum requires that, by the end of key stage two, children are able 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

We endeavour to work in partnership with parents to ensure that children are able to do this by the time they leave year 6. As a school, we would highly recommend that parents help their children to achieve this out of school (through swimming lessons or regular leisure sessions), as well as committing time and resources in school too.

The primary purpose of the year 3 swimming lessons is to build confidence and ensure children are able to perform basic swimming skills. Stroke technique and distance will be built upon in their later lessons at Barncroft. Therefore the lessons in year 3 will be allocated based on their swimming ability and some children will not require lessons at this stage. No payment is required for lessons at Heathfield. There is a small charge for lessons at Barncroft to help with transport costs.

Lessons will commence on Friday 11 May and will last for 30 minutes. Three groups of children will swim across the afternoon. Mrs Turner and I will be leading the swimming lessons with another member of staff walking the children between the two schools. In the first two weeks, all the children will be taken to the pool and assessed. 3P will swim on Friday 11 May and 3L will swim on Friday 25 May. You will receive a letter following these sessions to inform you of your child's allocated swimming lessons. Some lessons will take place this term and some will go into the next academic year. The children will need to bring swimming kit consisting of: a swimming costume, towel and goggles (if required) on the day.

We should be grateful if you could return the attached slip by Tuesday 8 May, so that we can allocate groups ready for the first Friday session. To support our initial assessments, please also indicate your child's current swimming ability.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Johnson  
Deputy Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Angela Williams MA (Ed)

