



Crossley Hall Primary School

Monday 6th September 2021

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child will start his/her swimming lessons next week, on **Tuesday 14th September (5T) and Friday 17th September (5S / 5U)**. Learning to swim is fun, healthy and could even save a child's life (sadly, drowning is the third most common form of accidental death in children, so learning to swim really is an essential life skill). For this reason, swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and at Crossley Hall we teach this in Year 5.

Swimming lessons will be held at Rhodesway Swimming Pool and the children will travel to and from the pool by the Trust minibuses. They will be taught to swim by coaches from the Academy of Swimming Bradford, but they are accompanied and supervised at all times by the Crossley Hall team. All staff at the pool have had Disclosure and Barring Checks and they receive regular child protection training.

Changing

All changing rooms are supervised by the Crossley Hall team. Pupils will arrive 'Beach Ready' with their swimwear under their clothes. There are separate male and female changing rooms with cubicles available to preserve modesty.

Due to COVID restrictions still in place at the swimming pool, pupils will **NOT** be able to shower after swimming.

Dress Code

Girls can wear a costume and lycra leggings if they wish, and we recognise that some girls may choose to wear modesty swimwear. Boys must wear trunks (**not** shorts as they pose a health and safety risk). All children require a towel. All children **MUST** wear a swimming cap, these can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. Children will **NOT** be able to swim without one; this includes both boys and girls. Please do not allow your child to take any deodorants, and jewellery (including earrings) must not be worn.

The Sessions

Swimming sessions last 30 minutes and are led by a fully qualified Swimming Coach. Our Teachers are also present at the poolside. Sessions are mixed gender and children attend with their class, in line with the inclusive ethos of the school. Children are taught basic swimming with the primary aim for all children to

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have passed the National Curriculum Swimming expectation by the end of the year which is to be able to swim a length (25m) unaided in a range of strokes and be able to perform safe, self rescue.

Concerns

Any parents who would like further information are welcome to approach me directly, or make an appointment with the office.

I hope your children are looking forward to a successful year's swimming where they will all learn this essential life skill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E Monnery', written in black ink.

Mrs E Monnery
Head of School