



Dear Parents/Carers,

4th September 2026

There has been recent press coverage regarding the number of children who reach Year 6 in Leicester/Leicestershire unable to swim 25 metres unaided. Since this is such an important life-skill and it is really expensive for parents to afford private lessons, we have taken the decision as a school to lengthen the swimming lessons that your child participates in as part of the National Curriculum.

Your child will begin a 14-week block of swimming lessons at the Hinckley Leisure Centre, on a Monday afternoon starting on 7th September.

Swimming dates:

07.09.26	26.10.26	07.12.26
14.09.26	02.11.26	14.12.26
21.09.26	09.11.12	
28.09.26	16.11.26	
05.10.26	23.11.26	
12.10.26	30.11.26	

The children will be taught by swimming instructors from the Leisure Centre. The cost of these lessons will be £22.67 per child for the whole block. We have set Parent Pay up so that parents can pay this amount in instalments throughout the autumn term if they wish or as one complete payment. Instalments dates are:

11 th September	£4
25 th September	£4
9 th October	£4
30 th October	£4
20 th November	£4
11 th December	£2.67

For swimming lessons, it is expected, that boys wear black trunks/shorts and girls wear a black **one-piece costume** only. We did send this information out at the end of last academic year. No bikinis and no long shorts below the knee are allowed.

It is also recommended that children use a swimming hat, as this means they are able to change quicker and are not walking back to school with wet hair. PE kit can be worn on these days. Earrings are **NOT** allowed to be worn during swimming lessons. These will need to be removed, at home, prior to the lesson. Please ensure that hair is tied back as this is a requirement of the Leisure Centre and children will not be allowed in the pool if this is not the case.

If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

Yours sincerely

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