

## Swimming 2023-2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Western, we are committed to providing a rich and balanced curriculum that provides children with a wealth of opportunities. As set out in the National Curriculum, all schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. By the end of Year 6, pupils should be taught 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

As a school, we are constantly adapting and changing in response to the needs of the children. To ensure a balanced curriculum with equal opportunities for all, we are moving to a new model aiming to embed the swimming curriculum across phases. This will enable a swimming experience that considers the developing maturity of all children.

Water safety and swimming are vital life skills and will be viewed as progressive throughout a child's journey at Western. We will begin our offer of swimming provision in Y2 for a term, progressing to a second term when they reach Y4 and a final term when they reach Y5. By the end of Y6, a single cohort will have taken part in a maximum total of 38 swimming sessions to meet the National Curriculum criteria.

**Please see the information below regarding the swimming arrangements for the academic year of 2023/2024.** You will also find detailed information regarding dates, payments and permission details on the overleaf.

### Swimming 2023/2024

Tuesday mornings – 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Y2 – Autumn Term

Y5 – Spring Term

Y4 – Summer Term

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your year group phase leader in the first instance: Miss Ward (KS1) [wardj@wes.rklt.co.uk](mailto:wardj@wes.rklt.co.uk); Mrs Coatesworth (Y3/4) [coateswortha@wes.rklt.co.uk](mailto:coateswortha@wes.rklt.co.uk); Mrs Brooke (Y5/6) [brookes@wes.rklt.co.uk](mailto:brookes@wes.rklt.co.uk)



## Year 2

### Dates

- The classes will swim on alternate weeks to enable the children to swim for the Autumn term. Please find attached a timetable for the swimming sessions below.

Date	Class
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Miss Herfield's Class
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Miss Ward's Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Miss Herfield's Class

### Payment

We kindly request that parents make a voluntary contribution of **£55.00** to cover pool hire, tuition and the cost of transport. **It would be greatly appreciated if you could make a payment via Arbor by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** By making a payment via Arbor, you will be confirming permission for your child to attend the swimming sessions. Whilst there is no obligation for you to make any voluntary contribution, the school really values any donation that you are able to make. However, in the event that a parent does not make any contribution, his/her child will not be treated any differently.

