

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. Moving forward, we will begin our offer of swimming provision in Y2 for a term, progressing to a second term when the children 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.

We appreciate that the children moving into Y4 in September will have had most of their sessions when they were in Y2. Much like we revisit, consolidate and embed all other aspects of our curriculum for teaching and learning, we believe that additional swimming experiences for our older children will offer a continuation of their physical development.

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; Mrs Coatesworth (Y3/4) coateswortha@wes.rklt.co.uk; Mrs Brooke (Y5/6) brookes@wes.rklt.co.uk



Year 4

Dates

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

Date	Class
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 30 th April 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 21 st May 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 18 th June 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 25 th June 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Class 2
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	Class 1
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Class 2
Class 1	Class 2
Ms Smith Mrs Coatesworth	Miss Riddle Mrs Collett

Payment

We kindly request that parents make a voluntary contribution of **£55** 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 6th 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.

Kindest regards

Mrs Coatesworth
Year 3/4 Phase Leader

