



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 6 – Swimming

We are pleased to inform you that between September and March each child in Year 6 will take part in swimming lessons. Swimming is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum and all pupils are expected to attend each of their sessions. The aim is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn swimming skills.

The children will be taught by a professional swimming teacher who is supported by school staff.

To help prepare for the transition to secondary school, we will be travelling via a **public bus** to the swimming pool in Whitstable. Becoming familiar with reading bus timetables, purchasing tickets and travelling safely are all incredibly useful skills for our children to learn and develop.

For **LEMUR CLASS**, the first session will commence on **Tuesday 9th January**. Please note, due to the occasional inconsistencies of public transport, this may impact the end of the day. If there are any changes (including a delayed return), the school will notify you via Parentmail.

Equipment:

They will need to bring a small bag containing:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- Hairbrush

You may also wish to supply your child with a swimming cap, swimming goggles and spare underwear. **All items must be clearly labelled with your child's name.**

We do recommend your child practising putting on and taking off their swimming costume independently.

Parent/Carer Volunteers

We are in need of parent volunteers during our swimming sessions. If you are available to support your child's class on Tuesday's between approximately 11am and 3:15pm, please contact the school office. Thank you in advance!

Voluntary Contribution

We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards the cost of bus fare for this trip. Payments can be made in cash via the school office or through the school bank account.

LLoyds Bank, Sort code - 30-64-57, Account number 40262260.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6