Wickford Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

As you may already be aware, Year 5 are being given an additional opportunity to swim. According to the National Curriculum, children must *swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres; use a range of strokes effectively; and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.*

Year 5 will swim in the following half terms (dates inclusive):

Sapphire Class: Autumn 1 (8th September 2026 – 20th October 2026)

Aqua Class: Autumn 2 (3rd November 2026 – 8th December 2026)

Ocean Class: Spring 2 (23rd February 2027 – 23rd March 2027)

Children will have swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings. They should wear school uniform and bring in their swimming kit in a bag. Each week, your child will need a named bag containing a towel, hat if your child has one from swimming lessons, goggles (optional) and swimming costume, trunks or shorts. We strongly recommend that children come to school with their costume, trunks or shorts under their normal school uniform to save time changing at the pool, so please remember to pack underwear for afterwards. Swimming lessons will form one PE lesson of the week, and the second PE lesson will be taught later in the week.

There is a fee for the lessons that can be paid via Schoolmoney which will go live within the half term in which each class swims. This fee is a voluntary contribution and we appreciate your continued support enhancing our curriculum provision.

If you have any questions regarding swimming, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Baker
Assistant Headteacher