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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 Swimming

This year, Y5 children will be accessing their National Curriculum Entitlement to Swimming Lessons here at Clayton St John C of E Primary School in our 'pop up swimming pool' situated in our KS1 playground.

For our Year 5 pupils, swimming is a statutory part of the PE Curriculum and while children who are already proficient swimmers will work towards their Personal Survival Award, children who are less confident will be aiming to pass the Watermanship Test and swimming distances of up to 25 metres.

What to wear for swimming?

● Girls to wear a one-piece swimming costume.

● Boys to wear swimming trunks or swimming shorts (above the knee).

● Children may choose to wear rash vests and or leggings for modesty if they wish.

● Goggles are encouraged to be worn but remain the responsibility of the individual wearer.

● Long hair must be tied back, and **all** children need a **swimming hat**.

● Jewellery (except for an SOS talisman) is not permitted during school swimming lessons i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, waterproof watches, rings etc.

● Please ensure your child also brings a towel with them to dry after their session!

Your child's class teacher will let you know when it is your child's turn to swim. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you have any concerns about your child's clothing options for swimming, please approach us, and we will be able to discuss this further with you and support you where we can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G. Emsley
Head Teacher