

## St Mark's C of E School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Year 5 Swimming lessons

We are pleased to inform you that Year 5 pupils will be taking part in a programme of swimming lessons at Shirley Swimming Pool. These sessions form an important part of the Physical Education curriculum, helping children to develop essential swimming skills and water safety awareness. Both Year 5 classes will take part in these lessons.

The swimming sessions will take place on the following dates:

**SSY:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**SHG:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Children will leave school after lunch and return to school in time for the end of the normal school day.

Children will walk to and from the swimming pool accompanied by their class teacher and additional school staff. During each session, they will be taught and supervised by qualified swimming instructors, supported by the team at Shirley Swimming Pool. As we will be walking to the venue, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather on the day, including suitable outerwear where necessary.

Children should come to school in PE kit with a **one-piece** swimming costume or shorts/trunks and towel in a rucksack. They will be required to carry the rucksack to the pool and back. Children can come to the school with the swimming costume underneath their PE kit for speed and convenience at the start of the session if they wish, but please remember to pack underwear to change back into. In addition to this, children must also bring a pair of swimming goggles with them. These can be purchased from Shirley Swimming Pool directly in advance. Children will be changing in the pool facilities and will have access to private booths if they are required.

**Please complete the consent form on SCOpay as soon as possible for your child to participate in the swimming programme.** Failure to give permission will mean your child will be unable to take part in any of the sessions, however, please note that swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum so it is expected that all children participate.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heath-Goddard