



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Olalere Swimming Lessons

Pupils in Year 5, Mr Olalere's class, will take part in swimming lessons, from **Thursday 13th November** until **Thursday 18th December 2025**.

Throughout their swimming lessons the children will progress through the ASA Personal Survival Awards Level 1-2, a range of water skills based activities, such as diving, as appropriate; developing further water skill and confidence. Towards the end of their swimming block, all children will have the opportunity to participate in the Year 5 heat of the 'Inter-House Swimming Championship' which will enable the children to further consolidate swimming skills. The winning House will receive the 'Inter House Swimming Championship' trophy, signalling the House success, for that term and the end of the Year 5 swimming block.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum, and we expect that all children, by the end of Year 6, will at least achieve the government recommendation of being able to swim 25 metres.

All children are expected to take part in swimming lessons, as part of their P.E. curriculum. In most cases, if children are well enough to be at school, we would expect them to take part in the swimming lesson. If there is a specific medical reason that prevents your child from taking part, please advise us in writing.

The Meres Leisure Centre requires boys to wear appropriate trunks (not shorts) and all children, (boys and girls) to wear a swimming cap for lessons. Please ensure that your child has appropriate swim wear in time for their next lesson. The school will be providing their swim hats for the duration of their swim.

As you are aware earrings are not permitted in school and therefore should not be worn for swimming. We understand that even earrings covered with plasters are not acceptable at the swimming pool.

This year, I am pleased to tell you that school will, once again, cover the whole cost of swimming, and will not be asking for a voluntary contribution from parents.

Yours Sincerely

Mr L Batey
Head teacher

