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Swimming lessons at the Brentwood Centre

2nd September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Swimming sessions will commence for Year 3 children next week and will be split into the following two sessions – **Monday and Thursday mornings:**

Monday 6th September	Class 3C (Miss Charlesworth)	11.00 am to 11.30 am
Thursday 9th September	Class 3B (Miss Beard)	09.30 am to 10.00 am

Swimming is a compulsory part of the school PE curriculum which all children are expected to participate in. Being able to swim is a valuable skill for life and also an enjoyable experience.

If your child is unable to participate for medical reasons then please provide a doctor's letter stating the reason. If they are unwell, due to a bad cold or similar, and need to miss a week, then please send them to school at the normal time with a note. Children not swimming will work in another class during this time.

We are asking for a contribution of £31 for 12 weeks towards the cost of the swimming lessons. This represents good value for money. Unfortunately we cannot give refunds if your child misses a session as the pool and instructors are booked and paid for in advance. Final session will be **Thursday 9th December 2021**.

Arrangements for the Sessions

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the children will need to be 'beach ready' for the swimming pool. Please send your child into school in the morning, wearing their swimwear underneath their school uniforms. This is obviously not ideal, but is the only way the Brentwood Centre can operate without mixing groups of children.

Swimwear girls: Two piece swimwear acceptable but must be cropped top style (not skimpy bikini)
Swimwear boys: Trunks/shorts fitted – not baggy

Please make sure that your child has underwear packed in their swimming bag ready to change back into after the swimming lesson.

All children need to wear a swimming hat. These are available for purchase in advance from the school. These can be paid for via ParentPay at a cost of £3.50 each. If you have purchased a hat for your child, these will be provided to your child in advance of the first lesson.

The class teacher and two learning support assistants (LSAs) will walk the children to and from the Brentwood Centre. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, you will not be able to watch your child swim from the viewing area.

Please pay for this provision via our online payment system, ParentPay as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty in paying for this provision, please make an appointment to speak to me via the school office.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

