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Y5/6 SWIMMING SPRING TERM 2026

Dear Year 5 & 6 Parents,

During the Spring Term 2026, pupils in Year 5 and 6 who are required to swim the National Curriculum standard of 25 metres and pass their basic lifesaving skills should attend school swimming lessons at Leisure@ Cheltenham.

Please can you give consent for your child to attend swimming lessons via Parent Pay by next **Monday 3rd November**, as spaces are limited. We estimate the cost will be approximately £55 which includes 10 swimming lessons and the coaches to and from the Leisure Centre. We will be in a position to let you know the exact cost of these lessons and set this up on Parent Pay at the beginning of next term, once we have final numbers of participants confirmed.

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals, the funding will cover the cost of this activity for your child.

Swimming lessons are a part of the National Curriculum and as such all children are required to participate unless there is a medical reason supported by a doctor's note. If your child is a proficient swimmer, please provide written confirmation proving that your child can swim the National Curriculum standard of 25 metres **and have learnt basic lifesaving skills**. Please email this to clerical@st-marks.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please be aware that there is a government requirement that states that by the end of Key Stage 2 your child needs to have achieved this swimming level.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office clerical@st-marks.gloucs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

Miss Thom (PE Lead)