

Blackwell Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Rachel Boswell

Dear Parents and Carers,

6th September 2018

Your child will be attending school swimming lessons during autumn term 1 on Fridays, commencing Friday 21st September 2018. The children will be picked up from school at 10:00am. Please complete the attached Swimming – Parental Information Form and return it to school by Friday 14th September.

Please be aware of the following rules:

Swimwear must be suitable for the purpose and preferably of a dark colour to enable the swimmer to be seen clearly underwater. Girls **must wear a one-piece swimming costume** and boys **must wear swimming trunks**. The LA Swimming Teacher may allow boys to wear appropriate shorts; however these must not be below the knee. Large baggy shorts will impede the pupil's movements in the water, as well as restrict the view of the teachers in seeing the movements that limbs and joints are making in the water. (Please note that this is a LA rule – although the pool venue may have no objection to other forms of swimwear at times when your child is taking private swimming lessons with them, on school swimming sessions the LA Swimming Teacher will insist that the appropriate swimwear as listed above **must be worn**).

Goggles should only be used exceptionally, when chemicals in the water may adversely affect eyes. Goggles should be made of unbreakable plastic or rubber materials and children taught to use them correctly and safely prior to their attendance at the pool. Please indicate on the consent form if you would like your child to wear goggles.

Hair must be tied back if long or of a length which might impair vision. It is highly recommended that children wear swimming hats. For facilities that share the pool with members of the public, it is very strongly recommended that children wear swimming hats, to ensure that pupils are easily identified.

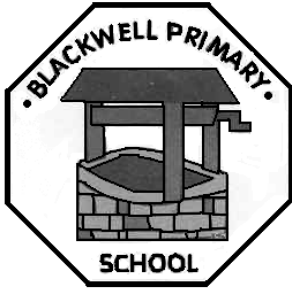
Jewellery / watches must be removed prior to the swimming lesson (plasters covering newly pierced parts of the body must be removed together with the jewellery before a child will be allowed to swim). Please be advised that anyone with freshly pierced ears (or other body piercing) will be excluded until such time that jewellery can be removed. **Safety medi-alert bracelets or necklaces** should be removed and given to the Adult in Charge for safe keeping during the swimming lesson and returned to the pupil immediately the pupil exits from the water. If the bracelet is unable to be removed it may be taped over securely with waterproof tape.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Boswell
Headteacher

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SWIMMING – PARENTAL INFORMATION FORM

NameSchool

Date of Birth Class

Address

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.....Tel.No.

As part of your child's education he/she will be undertaking swimming lessons this year. It is important that the swimming teacher /instructor has the following information concerning your child:

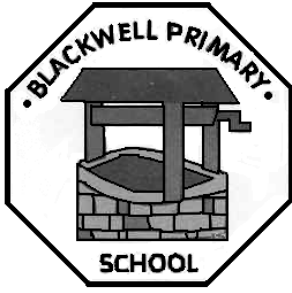
	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does your child suffer from any medical condition which may affect their safety whilst swimming, e.g. Asthma (please bring inhaler to every swimming session), Epilepsy Sensory impairment e.g. deaf Grommets (wearing a swimming cap & ear plugs is recommended) Diabetes, etc Please give details: 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does your child take medication on a regular basis? Please give details: 		

Swimming Ability:

Non-swimmer	5m	10m	25m	50m+	Any other awards (please specify):

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Chemicals in the water in swimming pools adversely affect my child's eyes. I give my permission for my child to wear goggles during swimming lessons and accept responsibility should my child be injured as a result of wearing goggles.

I am aware that my child will not be allowed to wear goggles for specific water or diving activities for safety reasons.

I am aware that all jewellery is to be removed prior to swimming activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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