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**Year 1 and Reception - School Swimming**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child will be attending swimming lessons at New Horizons on Tuesdays for 5 weeks starting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and running to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The children will be taken to the swimming pool by minibus and will be accompanied by school staff. Bathing hats/caps **must** be worn at New Horizons by boys and girls.

Boys are required to wear swimming trunks (*not shorts*), and girls need to wear a full swimming costume, (*not bikini/tankini etc*). **Swimming goggles can only be worn with written consent from the parent.**

Swimming is part of our school curriculum. Due to this all children must participate in swimming lessons. If a child is well enough to attend school, then we deem them well enough to attend swimming. The only exceptions to this would be if we were to receive a note from a doctor, they have an ear infection, or if the child is unable to attend due to an injury that means they are unable to participate.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Statham  
Head of School