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Dear Parents/Carers of Pupils in Diamond Class,

Swimming Lessons at Frimley CofE Junior School

The most important reason children should learn to swim is safety. Swimming is a life skill which is something your child will retain for the rest of their life, and it's the one sport that has the potential to be a true-life saver.

In order to provide your child with the opportunity to meet the National Curriculum requirements by the end of Key Stage 2 we will be offering all Year 5 and 6 pupils swimming lessons this term. We will be transporting all of the Year 5 and 6 pupils to Frimley Church of England School, in the week beginning Monday 10th November, so that they can have a swimming session every morning in the 'pop-up pool' Frimley have hired. Frimley have successfully enrolled in a 'pool to school' initiative this year which involves Elite Swimming visiting and erecting a large marquee housing a 32ft x 16ft fully heated swimming pool with a filtration system on the school playground. Elite swimming provides a qualified swimming instructor and lifeguard who provide the children with their swimming lessons. St Mark's staff will accompany the pupils to Frimley and a member of St Mark's staff will be present for all of the swimming lessons as well as on the mini-bus which will be transporting the children to and back from Frimley Church of England School.

Your child has been invited to attend 5 sessions in the week commencing **10th November 2025**, scheduled at the same time each day, with each session being 30 minutes long. We appreciate children will be at differing abilities and some maybe anxious, but we can assure you that these lessons are taught sensitively, and learning together with friends is a great opportunity to build confidence whilst having fun. All children will be grouped according to their ability.

What your child needs to bring:

We would like your child to attend school in PE kit for the week of their swimming lessons and come into school wearing their swimming costume underneath their PE kit every day of that week. Your child will be swimming in the morning. Please provide your child with an additional snack, for after their swimming session.

To transfer from the changing rooms to the pool we would like your child to also come into school with the following items:

- Dressing gown
- Towel
- Slippers/Sliders

There will be hooks inside the pool marquee to store these items during the lessons. We also ask that you please provide a swimming hat for your child to wear during their lessons. Children can bring goggles with them if they would like to use these in swimming lessons.

As the Year 5 and 6 children won't be able to attend the Cinema trip due to swimming, we will put on an in-house cinema on the afternoon of Thursday 16th November in order for the pupils to still enjoy this experience.

Thank you for your support with this and if you have any questions please contact the school office.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Jones and Miss Sandberg

