

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to announce, all being well, that swimming lessons will take place in our own pool from Monday 7th June.

The cost of swimming will be £16.00 per pupil (with a maximum of £21.00 per family). This helps towards the cost of maintenance and heating the pool.

All pupils will take part unless you advise the class teacher in writing of any reason why they are unable to do so. To begin with, in the interests of safety, all Foundation and KS1 pupils will be treated as beginners. The emphasis in the lessons will be placed on building confidence and the pleasure a child feels being in the water, so that learning to swim is seen as both useful and fun. More competent swimmers will be given the opportunity to improve their technique as well as developing their endurance in the water. The class teachers will teach the lessons with help (in the way of supervision) from support staff and parent volunteers.

Gade Valley is signed up to the School Swimming and Water Safety Charter, which means that we are in partnership with Swim England. In Years 1 to 6 during their school swimming lessons your child will be working towards achieving the different levels of Award. Each has a certificate and sticker.

For lessons, please ensure that your child has:

Needs:

Swimming costume should be -
Close fitting swimming trunks or shorts – no 'Bermuda/Surfer' style,
or a one piece swimsuit – no bikinis
Swimming hat – which can be purchased from the school office for
£1.50
A towel
No earrings / jewellery to be worn (earrings must be removed not taped
over)
**Please note that children will not take part if they do not have
correct costume and/or swimming hat.**

Please do not send your child with goggles unless there is a genuine reason, in which case please send in a letter explaining why to the class teacher.

Finally, can you be one of our team of parent volunteers? Our volunteers are vital - unless we have a minimum of 3 adults per session swimming cannot take place. If you can spare even 30 minutes per week please let the Office know, by e-mail or by phone, before May 21st, and we will contact you with swimming times once they are known. The timetable for swimming will be sent home in due course.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Barron

Daniel Barron
Head Teacher

This is to confirm that I have read the swimming letter and agree to the conditions.

I enclose payment of:

£16.00.....

£21.00.....

I have paid via wisePAY

(Cheques made payable to Gade Valley Primary School)

Child's Name.....

Class.....

Signed.....

