



11 March 2019

Dear Parents

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

I am writing to advise that we will be offering swimming lessons to our Year 6 pupils from this year.

We have organised nine lessons at Kent College, Pembury, to take place on Friday afternoons for 30 minutes per class from 26 April to 12 July inclusive, excluding 24 and 31 May and 28 June.

There will be three DBS checked fully qualified instructors for the lessons who are also qualified lifeguards as well as the class teacher. I am confident that children of all abilities will benefit greatly from this opportunity. The lessons have proved to be a great success in previous years and I am delighted that with the kind support of Kent College we are able to make this provision for the Year 6 pupils.

The three classes will travel by minibus to the swimming pool. The first class will leave at approximately 12pm, the next class at a later time, with the final class returning to school just before the end of the school day. The children will have a staggered lunch break to accommodate this.

Kent College has a beautiful modern swimming pool, which includes a shallow end and changing facilities for boys and girls. There is also an additional very shallow small teaching pool, which can be used if necessary for non-swimmers. The children will be divided into three groups by ability, each group having its own qualified instructor/lifeguard. **Please note that Kent College require children to wear a swimming hat in the pool at all times.**

At the end of the year we will be publishing how many Year 6 pupils have met the national curriculum requirements relating to swimming and water safety on our website. These are:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

As the school will be funding all transport costs we are pleased to be able to offer all 9 lessons at a total cost of £20.00.

Please return the attached permission slip by Friday 22 March 2019. Payment should be made via school gateway by Friday 22 March 2019.

Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues regarding the arrangements with the school office.

With best wishes

Carly Gavin
Deputy Head Teacher