



## Bernards Heath Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSONS AT TOWNSEND SCHOOL SPRING TERM 2026

Next term Year 4 will be having swimming lessons at Townsend School Swimming Pool starting **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**(NO SWIMMING WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH)**

The programme will consist of one lesson per week for 9 weeks on Wednesday afternoons, one class will swim at a time in the time slots listed below. The children will walk to and from Townsend School for their session.

**4NO: 1:15-1:45pm      4B: 1:45-2:15pm      4D: 2:15-2:45pm**

Swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum. Swimming provides all round exercise in itself, providing children with cardiovascular exercise, as well as teaching and improving swimming strokes and lifesaving skills. The children will be assessed the first week and put into groups to suit their ability and taught by qualified swimming instructors.

Townsend School has a separate building with the swimming pool and boy/girl changing rooms inside, we will be the only school that has use of this building during our sessions. The children are allowed to wear goggles and a swimming hat if they would like, long hair needs to be tied back.

**\*\*Children should come to school wearing their PE kit to make changing easier\*\***

To support the school with costs, it is necessary to ask parents for a contribution towards the cost of the swimming Instructors. **The total cost, per child, for 9 weeks is £45.00.** (We are unable to give a credit if your child is absent, as we pay for the pool in advance). Of course, there may be a case where a child cannot swim for medical reasons and this we fully appreciate.

Due to rises in the cost of living we appreciate this is a lot of money. To help, we have split the cost into **two payments of £22.50 and £22.50, please pay on School Gateway.** This will give you the option of paying in two instalments or paying both instalments together, by adding them both to your basket. We hope this will help you to budget for this cost.

**We would greatly appreciate any parent helpers who are able to assist each Year 5 class with the walk to Townsend and back to school. If you are able to help your class, please complete and return the reply slip.**

Yours sincerely

Hayley Gilbert  
Interim Headteacher

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I am able to help walk to Townsend and back to school

Signed..... Parent of.....Class.....

Contact number.....