

# FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2020

## November Y5 Swimming Lessons



Dear Parents,

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Y5 pupils will commence swimming lessons at the Urmston Leisure Centre. Tuition is provided by the LA and pupils will be accompanied by a class teacher and one other member of staff each Thursday morning.

Regulations regarding swimwear require trunks for boys and a one-piece costume for girls (no bikinis, no swim shorts). The Leisure Centre has changed its requirements for health and safety reasons and all children undertaking swimming lessons must wear a swimming cap. The Leisure Centre will provide all of the caps to us, and we will give them out on the day of the first lesson.

We ask pupils to bring swimwear, towel, hairbrush or comb in a small named separate bag – goggles may be taken, but no valuables, money, hairspray, deodorants or snacks. If possible, the Leisure Centre has asked for children to arrive 'beach ready' (costume under uniform, underwear in kit bag).

The Leisure Centre has provided us with their risk assessment (included with this letter) and we have confirmed with them that:

- (a) Our Y5 'bubble' will have sole use of the changing facilities and pool while we are there (no members of the public or other schools).
- (b) We can use an alternative entrance so that we do not have to walk past members of the public in the main entrance.

We will be walking to and from the Leisure Centre, so it is likely that we will pass members of the public at this time. However, as any contact between passing members of the public would be very brief and transitory, we deem this risk to be low.

Children will be advised of all aspects of health and safety and rules of behaviour and good conduct for travel, changing rooms, on the poolside and during lessons by both school and the swimming instructors. I know you will support us in this key area of safety.

Similarly, it is crucial that all medical conditions are known by the swimming instructors and inhalers etc. must be named and given to the class teacher for each session to be kept at the poolside.

Should your child be unable to swim due to illness, please send written notification, as registers of attendance are required by the LA.

The first session commences **Thursday 5th November** and the last session is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Redmond'.

Mr J Redmond

Headteacher