

# Benhurst Primary School

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Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers in Year 4,

As you are aware Year 4 pupils will be attending swimming lessons at Harrow Lodge Sport Centre for the duration of this academic year. **These will commence on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September (4G) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (4B).**

Swimming is a compulsory National Curriculum activity and we expect all children to take part. If your child is unable to attend a lesson, we will require a letter stating the reason for this, they will remain at Benhurst, based within another class for the time that their class are at the Sports Centre. **Please contact us if there are any reasons why your child should not be included in the swimming programme, or if your child has any medical condition, which would need special consideration.**

The lessons will take place between 9:00 am and 9:30 am it will therefore be necessary for children to arrive at school by 8:30 am on their classes swimming day. Children will then be registered and we will leave school at 8:35 prompt to walk to the Sport Centre. If your child attends ABACUS, we will arrange to collect them.

All pupils are assessed on their ability in the first session and are then grouped according to that ability. Children will be split across three groupings and taught by qualified instructors. Two Life Guards are also in attendance.

All pupils will need a swimming costume (one-piece) or trunks, towel and swimming hat. For identification and safety reasons, we require the children to wear **WHITE** swimming hats which can be purchased from Havering School Wear. Please write your child's name clearly on the front of the hat so that the instructors can identify them quickly and easily. If you would like your child to wear goggles please send them in with a letter giving permission for them to wear them. Flip-flops and toiletries are not permitted.

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a waterproof coat if it looks like they may need it on swimming days. We will only cancel swimming in extreme weather so will still walk there if it is raining.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Graves.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Graves and Miss Beach