



Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it might be helpful to put together an FAQ for swimming lessons.

Who teaches swimming?

We have two swimming teachers who hold the Lifeguard qualification and one of them is always on duty for swimming lessons. Mrs Lister works Tuesday afternoons to Friday afternoons and Mrs Shermer on a Tuesday morning. They are supported by a member of staff who holds the Teacher as Rescuer Qualification. This means there will always be at least two adults on the poolside.

Are there any adults in the pool?

Depending upon the needs of the children there may be one or more TAs in the pool supporting individual or small groups but this changes from class to class.

How many children have lessons at the same time?

The lessons are class lessons with all the children going to the pool together.

How are the children grouped?

Before the start of the swimming lessons this week Mrs Lister and Mrs Shermer assess the water confidence of the children in small groups. They will always be cautious and use armbands and other flotation devices even if children say they can swim. Once a thorough assessment is made they will divide the children into two groups – usually one who are able to swim and then the beginners. However this will be class dependent and when the children are much younger the two staff teaching the swimming may keep the group together.

Is there any payment?

We have always asked for voluntary contributions towards the cost of upkeep for the pool but as everyone has been so involved in raising money for the pool this year we are using some of the Sports Premium Money given by the Government to support this and no contributions will be sought until next September.

What are the Health and Safety arrangements for using the pool?

The Pool Health and Safety is managed in line with NYCC Policy for Swimming Pools. We have had a visit from the Health and Safety Advisor to check all our procedures both for Pool Management and Swimming lessons. He confirmed that everything is in place and performed a visual check of the pool. This is rechecked each term and we have access to him should there be any concerns.

If you have any further questions please do ask and we'll do our best to answer them.

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