



# Crossley Hall Primary School

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## Swimming Lessons Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

4P – 10.15 – 10.45

4Q – 10.45 – 11.15

4R – 11.15 – 11.45

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child will start his/her swimming lessons **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**.

Learning to swim is fun, provides health benefits and could save a child's life. Sadly, drowning is the third most common form of accidental death in children, so learning to swim really is an essential life skill. For this reason learning to swim is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and at Crossley Hall we teach this in Year 4.

Swimming lessons will be held at Queensbury Pool and the children will travel by school minibus to the swimming pool and back during school time. Year 4 children are taught to swim by the Bradford Aquatics School Swimming Programme, a company that specialises in teaching young children to swim. Children are accompanied and supervised at all times by Crossley Hall Staff with the addition of one of their trained coaches. All staff have Disclosure and Barring Checks and receive regular child protection training.

### Changing

All changing rooms are supervised by Crossley Hall Staff. A male member of staff supervises the male changing room and a female member staff for the female changing room. Pupils get changed in male only and female only changing rooms and cubicles are available to preserve modesty. Pupils do not shower before or after swimming unless specifically requested by a parent for medical reasons (i.e. to wash chlorine from skin if a child has eczema)

### Dress code

Girls can wear a costume and or lycra leggings. This is personal preference. Girls may choose to wear modesty swimwear. This has not been a common choice in previous years. Boys must wear trunks and not shorts as they are too baggy and can be a health and safety risk. All children require a towel. Swimming caps are available for £2.00 each. Please do not allow your child to take deodorants. They should not wear any jewellery.

### The Sessions

Swimming teaching sessions last 30 minutes with a member of Crossley Hall Staff plus a swimming coach. Sessions are mixed gender and children attend with their class. This is in line with the inclusive ethos of the school. Children are taught basic swimming with the primary aim for all children to have passed the basic National Curriculum Swimming expectation by the end of the year.

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## Concerns

Any parent who would like further information or to make an accompanied visit to the pool please feel free to approach me directly or make an appointment with the office.

I hope your children are looking forward to a successful year's swimming where they will all learn this essential life skill.

Please note that if your child has suffered an epileptic seizure in the last year, please seek the approval of your Doctor before lessons commence. If your child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea within the past 7 days they should not swim. Asthmatic children should take their inhalers to **every** session.

Yours sincerely

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