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Wednesday 7th September 2016

Dear Year 3 Parent/ Carer,

School swimming starts for Year 3 on Wednesday 14th September. As in previous years we are continuing to use the swimming pool at St Martins School. During 2016 – 2017 swimming will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. This ensures we have private use of the pool and changing facilities as well as a very good ratio of fully qualified swimming teachers to children.

Swimming arrangements will be as follows:

The first group (Mrs Gilmore's class and half of Mr Race's class) will leave for the swimming baths at approximately 1pm accompanied by Mrs Angus and Mr Byrne. The second group (Mrs Billingsley's/ Mrs Gordanifar's class and the other half of Mr Race's class) will leave for the swimming baths at approximately 1:30pm. They will be accompanied by Mrs Karvelas and Mrs Harris. All children will be back at school in time for the end of the day.

In order to transport this number of children to and from the pool it is essential that we have some volunteers to help on the coach journey. Thank you if you have already agreed to do this. If you could spare a little time on a Wednesday afternoon please let Mr Race know as soon as possible. All volunteers will need a current DBS (criminal record) check. A timetable for volunteers to sign up is outside Mrs Billingsley's/ Mrs Gordanifar's classroom.

Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum and, just like literacy or maths, is not optional. Generally, if your child is well enough to be in school they should be well enough to go swimming. If there is a specific medical reason why your child cannot attend swimming on any particular day a letter must be sent in explaining this to your child's teacher.

St Martin's swimming pool insists that all girls wear a swimming cap. This is also the case for boys if their hair is below their ears. All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed before swimming.

Swimming is well subsidised by the school and we ask for a 'voluntary contribution*' of £30 towards the cost of swimming for the whole year (funding received in school covers the cost for two terms of swimming).

Payment should be made via your account on ParentPay. If you are unable to use this preferred method of payment please contact the School Office who will be able to provide you with barcode letter.

Please complete the attached consent form giving permission for your child to swim with the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. Wild

Deputy Head Teacher

***IMPORTANT NOTE RE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.** The term 'voluntary contribution' in relation to school activities is mandatory. Each activity is costed purely at a per pupil rate. Where there are not enough 'voluntary contributions' to cover the cost of the activity, it must inevitably be cancelled.

Name of Child _____

Class _____

I give my permission for my child to swim with the school during Year 3.

I have paid £30 towards the cost of swimming for the complete school year on my ParentPay account.

Please write below any medical conditions staff need to be aware of:

Signed _____ Date _____