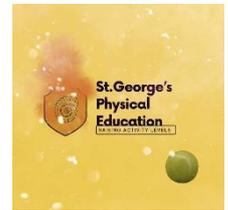




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## Swimming 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### £10 payment per child

With everything that has happened over the last year, I am pleased to say that swimming **will be** going ahead this term. For an extended period! Starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The cost of maintaining the school swimming pool is a constant drain on school funds and with continued cutbacks, the pool's future is under continued pressure. There are now only three schools in Weymouth and Portland who still have a swimming pool. In addition, nationally, public swimming pools have dropped from 3,000 to 750 over the last twenty years, with 400 public pools closing over the last 5 years.

On the success of previous years and in order for the school to maintain its pool and continue to provide swimming lessons, **we are asking for £10 per child.**

This will enable us to keep the pool in service for another swimming season/future years. We feel this represents excellent value as the majority of primary schools in Weymouth and Portland must pay to hire coach travel and the facilities at Weymouth Swimming Pool. Without your contribution swimming would not be a viable option due to the ever increasing bills.

Payment can be made via the school online payment system Tucasi Scopay. If you have not yet registered or you have forgotten your password, please email the school office (email address above) and we will resend you the registration letter.

With your support, swimming lessons this year **will begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.** Every child from Reception to Year 6 will receive swimming lessons each week, until the end of term. In EYFS, years 1, 2 and 3 your child will swim once a week and in years 4, 5, 6 they will swim twice a week.

We view swimming as a very important part of the school's P.E. curriculum and all children are expected to participate. It is, however, vital that you let your class teacher know if there is any medical reason that prevents your child from taking part. If your child has a verruca then they no longer require a sock however they do need to have a waterproof plaster applied beforehand.

Our aim is to have every child able to swim competently, at least 25m, by the time they leave Year 6.

Let's hope we have sunny weather for the swimming season.

Thank you for co-operation

Mr C Barter