



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

In line with the P.E. Curriculum, we have arranged for swimming provision for children in Y4. This will begin on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The children will travel by coach from school to Oak Park Leisure Centre accompanied by school staff. Risk assessments from the coach company are thorough and recognise the need for regular cleaning of seats. They also acknowledge a deep clean at the end of the working day and can confirm regular lateral flow testing of all drivers, in line with COVID expectations.

Risk assessments from the baths at Oak Park are also rigorous. Children will be the sole users of the teaching pool whilst we are there. They will also be the sole users of the pupil changing rooms. They will enter via the fire exit and will have no contact with others, via the Main Reception. Showers will not be available to children unless there is a medical reason for them to require one. Toilet areas are sanitised hourly and children will be supervised if they need to use them. All Oak Park staff are lateral flow tested and, like teachers, are well versed in social distancing expectations.

There will be a lifeguard on site and a qualified swimming instructor will be leading the lesson. We will be challenging the children to improve their water and swimming proficiency.

All children will need a suitable swimming costume and towel. Boys cannot wear long shorts, they need short shorts or trucks. All children will need to wear either their usual school uniform or, if you prefer, they can wear a non-logo plain blue, black or grey tracksuit with trainers. They will need to be able to manage their own hair for the day, so girls will need their hair secured sensibly and they will be expected to be able to dry themselves and dress themselves independently and quickly - it might be worth a little practice over the Easter holidays.

**Please consent to your child taking part in swimming lessons via the School Gateway.**

Yours sincerely

**C. M. O'Hara**  
**Headteacher**

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