

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harrogate Hydro have been in contact and have told the school that they are working towards phasing schools swimming into the pool programme the week commencing 2nd November 2020.

Our swimming slot will be every Monday, starting the 2nd November, with the last session on Monday 14th December for the following classes:

Silver Birch class 9.30-10.00am

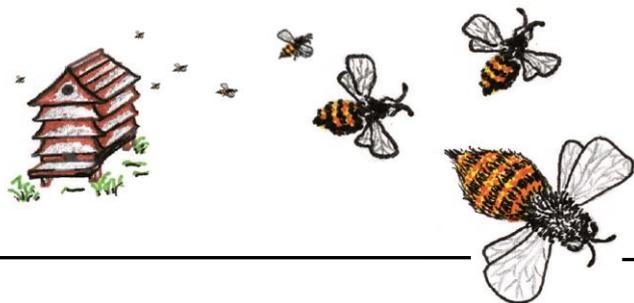
Beech class 11.00-11.30am

A risk assessment has been provided by the Hydro and expect all schools to follow. This includes:

- There will be no physical contact between teacher and pupil unless in an emergency situation.
- Unfortunately, there will be no adult support for children requiring 1:1 adult provision in the pool. If you think this applies to your child, please contact the school as soon as possible.
- Children from different schools will not mix.
- Schools will enter the building separately by designated entry and exit points. Each school will have two changing rooms. This will minimise the risk of children mixing during crossovers. After each session the changing areas will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised. A new batch of sanitised equipment will be available for the next school to use.
- Floatation and swimming aids will be available from the pool store. They will have been sanitised and ready for use. Each pupil will access an aid and will have sole use of that aid throughout the session.
- School teachers and TA's will be asked to view from the control point or the activity pool plinth to minimise contact elsewhere in the building and practise safe social distancing. All viewing areas will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised after each session.
- Sanitising stations will be provided on entry and exit for teachers and pupils.
- There will be no pre or post showers available but there will be limited use of toilets.

As always, these sessions will be part of your child's P.E lessons which are a statutory part of the National Curriculum. All children are expected to attend the swimming sessions unless the school receives a letter giving a valid reason why your child cannot do P.E that week.





Please ensure that your child brings their swimming costume and a towel every Monday. The Hydro expects all children to wear swimming caps for these sessions. If your child does not have a swim cap, then they can be purchased at the Hydro for a £1.00. They also expect that hair is tied back and any jewellery removed. Suitable swimwear must be worn (ideally not Bermuda style shorts).

The cost of each swimming session is a voluntary contribution of £3. You can pay each week or in a block payment either at the school office or by the school's online payment system. Please be aware that the school has to cover the cost of every swimming session if the voluntary contributions are not met. This does put extra strain on our already limited resources in purchasing equipment for school. Thank you for your support with this.

Please complete the medical information form attached **by Monday 2nd November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Street

Headteacher

