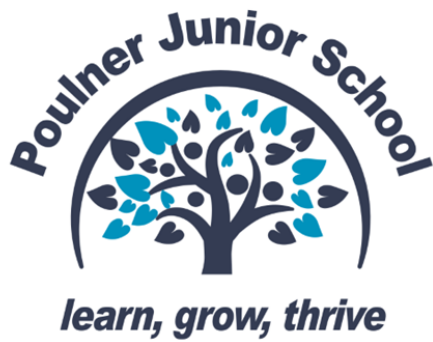




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Dear Parents & Carers

Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to inform you that the pool is ready for swimming. The heater has been on and the chemical balance of the pool has been checked and has been cleared for swimming. We were also audited by Hampshire at the end of March, this reviewed our pool safety and operating documentation and I am pleased to say that this was all to a high standard with no areas for improvement.

For those parents/carers who have been with us for the last few years, you will know that this is early for us to open the pool, but that this is part of our ongoing commitment to fully utilise the facility and to help as many children as possible to become water confident and progress in their swimming, so that all can reach the government's target.

For those of you with children at Poulner Infant School, I am pleased to say that I have been liaising closely with Mrs Connor to ensure that Year 1 and Year 2 gain from this facility during this coming term.

The first week of swimming will be an assessment of where your child is currently in terms of their confidence, swim technique and stamina and then they will be grouped from this. All children will be expected to swim and each week they will need the following items:

- Swimming costume/shorts (no bikinis)
- Towel
- Goggles
- Swim hat (if you do not have one these can be bought from the school through the scopay system this will come online from Weds 27th May)
- Flip flops/slip on sandals (these are for them to wear from the changing room to pool side)
- Hair brush (if they wish)
- If your child wishes to use deodorant then this should be a roll on, no aerosols are to be brought in.

Your child's swimming sessions will be as follows:

Year 3- Tuesday afternoon (starting 3rd May 2022)

Year 4- Wednesday afternoon (starting 4th May 2022)

Year 5- Friday morning (starting 6th May 2022)

Year 6- Tuesday morning (starting 17th May due to SATs)

For the summer term your child will need to wear their PE kit on the following days. This takes into account their swimming and other PE that they will be doing during the week. For the next few weeks, prior to swimming starting your child will have PE on the following days, just so that it doesn't change part way through the term for you.

Year 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5: Thursday and Friday

Year 6: Tuesday and Wednesday

All lessons are taught by staff at school who have undertaken the relevant qualifications. However we do require additional support on poolside and supporting the children with hats being fitted! If you are available to help on any of the sessions and are DBS checked, or happy to be DBS checked then please let the office know, we would love your help!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jo Walker
Headteacher

