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SWIMMING FOR YEAR 4 – WHALES

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whales will be going swimming for 6 weeks at Blyth Sports Centre. Each session will last for 1 hour commencing **Thursday 1st February 2024** and the last session taking place **on Thursday 14th March 2024**.

Please note that as they will be walking back from the Sports Centre after their swimming lesson they may arrive late back to school. We are expecting them to be back between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

Blyth Sports Centre charge the school £5 per child per week regardless of whether or not the child holds a current membership. We therefore have to ask for a contribution towards swimming of £5 per week. This can be paid in one go at £30.00. We accept cheques or credit/debit cards. Cheques can be made payable to NCC.

Children should come into school wearing their PE kit for swimming, swimming costumes should **not** be worn underneath. The children will be reminded of our rules for swimming prior to attending. These are to ensure the health and safety of all the children. Any child who does not follow the rules will be suspended from swimming, as inappropriate behaviour in the pool not only puts their own life at risk but also that of others.

We have received the following dress code from Blyth Sports Centre which must be adhered to: Girls need to wear full swimming costumes, no bikinis. Boys need to wear shorts which are above their knees. No jewellery can be worn including earrings. T-shirts are not allowed unless a medical letter is provided. Swimming caps are optional and goggles are permitted. No parents/carers can watch swimming lessons as it is the Sports Centre's policy not to allow public viewing during swimming sessions.

As swimming is now a compulsory part of the National Curriculum, a note must be sent if a child is unable to swim for medical reasons.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones
Acting Headteacher

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