

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Temporary Swimming Pool at The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very excited to announce that for 5 weeks commencing **Monday 13th January 2025**, we will have a temporary swimming pool built on site to provide every child with swimming lessons. This letter will provide you with all the information to ensure that your child receives the best possible experience during this time. At the bottom is a swimming ability form, please can you fill it out and hand it back to your child's class teacher no later than Wednesday 18th December 2024. A timetable to show you when your child will swim will be sent out separately.

Overview:

- Classes will be split into two groups with each group receiving a 30-40 minute lesson.
- Boys and girls will get changed in separate areas.
- Lessons will be taught by a qualified swimming teacher.
- In addition, there will always be a lifeguard present.

Kit requirements:

The children will need to bring the following in a bag:

- Swimming costume/trunks
- A towel
- A swimming hat
- Goggles (optional)

Once children have had their swimming lesson, they must put their wet swimming clothes and towel in a separate bag to take home.

- Jewellery must be removed whilst swimming. This is for the safety of the pupils and for others using the pool. The pupils safety is paramount and minimises the risk of injury to their selves and others. If studs can't be removed, ears must be taped and a swimming hat must be worn at all times.
- In line with guidance, girls are required to wear a one-piece costume and boys must wear fitted trunks or fitted shorts - It is important that aquatic clothing is relatively tight as this will minimise drag. Also, loose fitting shorts can trap the hands or feet of other swimmers.

Website

www.olicatschools.org

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- If goggles are to be worn, pupils must take care when fitting them. Parents should ensure that children know how to put on and take off goggles in the correct and safe fashion.

Health and Hygiene:

- Verruca's must be covered with a swimming sock or a waterproof barrier. School staff will check pupil's feet before their swimming lesson.
- If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious/infectious skin condition, then unfortunately they will not be able to take part in sessions until the condition has cleared or unless a doctor has said otherwise.
- All long hair must be tied up; swimming hats are mandatory to wear to help with pool cleanliness.

Adult supervision and roles:

There will be a swimming teacher, a lifeguard and a member of school staff by the pool during the time pupils are in the pool.

Assessment and recording:

All pupils will have their swimming ability assessed during their first lesson and again during their last lesson. All data will be kept behind a password.

After-school swimming lessons:

Additional swimming sessions will be available after school and will be delivered by the company providing the pool. There will be an additional cost involved for these sessions. Attached with this letter, you can find out how to enrol your child in extra swimming lessons after school, if you wish.

For more information about the after-school swimming provision, please follow this link:

<https://www.sportyscholars.com/swim-club>

Yours faithfully,

School Office

Swimming ability form

I give permission for my child _____ to take part in swimming lessons taught in school from Monday 13th January for 5 weeks.

Please tick the box that 'best fits' your child's swimming ability.

- My child can swim 25 metres or more.
- My child attends swimming lessons.
- My child does not attend swimming lessons but can swim a little bit.
- My child is apprehensive and cannot swim.
- Other _____