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Dear Parents,

Children in Year 4 swim as part of our P.E. curriculum and this year each class will swim for 1 term; as advised previously, due to the delayed opening of the new leisure centre 2 classes will swim in the Spring term and one class in the Summer term.

4S and 4P will swim in the Spring term and 4VR in the Summer term. The lessons will be taught by qualified swimming teachers but the class teacher will also be poolside. Swimming in the Spring term will commence on **Monday 13th January to 24th March** – They will not swim on 17th February (Half term).

These lessons will take place on **Mondays** and the children in 4S will leave school at 1.30pm and walk to Spelthorne Leisure Centre accompanied by Riverbridge Staff. Children in 4P will leave school at 2pm.

Class 4S who will swim at the earlier time will return to school to be collected from their class at 3.20pm. For children in class 4P, please collect your child from the Leisure Centre at 3.20pm. Please wait in the foyer and the teacher will release the children to you there. Children who have not been collected from the Leisure Centre will be walked back to Park Avenue base for collection at 3.40pm. We will not allow the children to be released to parents/carers or club leaders along the route between the Leisure Centre and the school office at Park Avenue base. Any changes to the collection of your child must be notified to the class teacher in the morning as we need to ensure the correct ratios are adhered to at all times.

If your child is from 4P and attends after school clubs, please note the following:

Riverbridge After School Club at Knowle Green base - children from 4P will be taken there from the Leisure centre at 3.30pm

If your child is from 4P is allocated a place at an extra-curricular club at PAB children will be walked back to the office at Park Avenue base and they will join the club at 3.40pm.

Children will need a towel and swimsuit/trunks preferably in a dark colour, all should be named. Please note children cannot swim in bikinis or very long surf style shorts. It is acceptable for the children to wear goggles, and verruca socks should be worn if needed. If you would like your child to wear a swimming hat, please teach them to be able to put them on. As in all P.E lessons, no jewellery should be worn. Space in the changing rooms and school cloakrooms is limited so please provide kit in a named backpack.

The cost of swimming lessons is currently £3.30 per week. The amount due for 4S and 4P this term is £33.00 and payment should be paid via our Online Payments Website www.scopay.com/riverbridge-pri. The cost of the lessons is charged to us by the Leisure Centre and there will be three swimming coaches in attendance along with Riverbridge staff.



Unfortunately, if your child cannot swim because they are unwell, although well enough for school, we will be unable to make a refund for that session. The children still have to be supervised while the class swims and swimming teachers are booked for a full class and charged as such. If this creates any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher. The swimming pool teachers have asked that we remind parents who choose to watch the lessons from the public gallery that school swimming lessons follow a structured programme. It can be very distracting for the children if parents are calling and waving even though it is not intended that way.

Thank you for your support which enables us to provide this valuable and fun addition to our P.E. provision. As ever, if you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher or the school office who will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R Phelan".

Mrs R Phelan
Year Group Leader