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Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming is a valuable skill for children of all ages. We are therefore pleased to let you know that we have arranged for Year 2 to have sessions at White Oak Leisure Centre on **Wednesdays 14th, 21st & 28th January, 4th, 11th & 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March and 1st April.**

Swimming is a PE curriculum requirement and as such all children are required to participate, as they would any other lesson; with 3 instructors for swimming we are able to accommodate all the children's abilities in the appropriate areas of the pool. The children will also be supervised by school staff & volunteers throughout.

Lessons will take place from 2.30-3.00pm. The children will travel to the pool together by coach due to the uncertain weather conditions in the Spring Term. Parents are then asked to collect their child from the pool at **3.10pm**. If you have other children to collect from High Firs then please collect from the pool first before coming to school where we will supervise your children until collection.

Medical Conditions

Children who cannot swim because of a medical condition but who are well enough to attend school should be brought to school as usual on Wednesdays and they will be placed in another class for the time their classmates are at the pool. Should a child be brought to the pool but the teacher or instructor considers them unfit to swim for any reason after arrival they will remain at the poolside, under the care of their teacher, to watch the lesson.

Swimwear and getting changed

All children are required to wear a swimming hat during lessons. These can be purchased from White Oak Leisure Centre and can be the colour of your choice. Please ensure that your child has appropriate swimwear (one-piece costumes for girls) for the session and that this and their towel are named as well as their swimming bag. The children will all need to be able to change independently into their costumes, pack their uniform into their bag and then dry and change back after the session so please can you support your child to practise this over the Christmas break and before their sessions start!

Costs

Due to the time of year and the unpredictable nature of the weather, children will be travelling from school to the pool by coach. The cost of the coach and the lesson will be £5.30 per week. Payment can be made directly to the school by cash or on line by using Arbor Money. You can either pay weekly, termly or the total amount. Although it is a curriculum requirement, the school does not receive funding for the cost of lessons or transport.



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After School Club and Return Transport

If your child attends Foots Cray Out of School Club on a Wednesday afternoon, it **may** be possible to bring your child back to school. Please let us know if you will need Foots Cray Out of School Club on the consent form. **Please be aware that we will only be able to offer this if we have enough volunteer helpers, in the event that this does not happen you will be advised and will need to make your own arrangements to transport your child from the pool to school.**

Can you help, please? We will need a couple of volunteers each week to drive our Foots Cray Out of School Club children and school staff back to school from White Oak, once the remaining children have been collected at 3.10pm. If you can help, please let us know on the Emergency Contact form.

Emergency Contact Form

Please complete the Emergency Contact Form which can be found at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/yeartwoswimmingconsent2026> by **Thursday 18th December.** If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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