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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 4 to have sessions at White Oak Leisure Centre on **Wednesdays 22nd & 29th April, 6th, 13th & 20th May, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th June and 1st, 8th & 15th July.**

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 walk from the school to the pool accompanied by school staff. 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; we will supervise your children until collection.

Medical Conditions

Children who cannot swim because of a medical condition, but 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 and the teacher or instructor considers them unfit to swim for any reason, 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.

Costs

The cost of the lesson will be £2.90 per week. Payment can be made directly to the school by cash or online by using Arbor money. If paying by cash, we do ask that the correct money is paid as we do not have the facility to hold change on site. 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.



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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 After School Club on the Emergency Contact 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 After-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 indicate this on the Emergency Contact Form.

Emergency Contact Form

Please complete the Emergency Contact Form by **Tuesday 21st April** as we need this before your child can attend the lessons. This can be found at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/year4swimmingconsent>. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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