

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

10th January 2022

Catch up swimming sessions

As you are aware our swimming programme has been interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Schools have a statutory duty to provide swimming lessons as it is part of the National Curriculum that children have water safety skills and can swim 25 metres with a recognisable stroke. The lessons will take place at the **Haverhill Leisure Centre**. Lessons will start on **Friday 14th January at 11.15am** for 10 weeks or until your child has reached the statutory level. We understand that both school and home swimming have been affected by covid restrictions, and as a consequence we have a higher number of children who are not at national curriculum standard.

A qualified swimming coach will be teaching the children and Lifeguards are provided. The children will be accompanied by two members of staff.

We have arranged for a coach to take the children to their lesson for a start time of 11.15
Children should bring a rucksack for ease of carrying their swimming kit which should include:

- a one piece swimming costume/close fitting trunks (Bermuda style shorts are not permitted as they impede stroke development and progress)
- Swimming hat - Children will not be allowed to swim without a hat.
- Large towel
- Water Bottle
- Earrings and watches should not be worn on swimming days, due to health and safety, as well as security reasons.

Please complete the permission form attached which will cover all visits to the pool and return to school by **Wednesday 12th January 2022**. I am sure these sessions will be really enjoyable and beneficial to the children.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Wass
Headteacher

