



Birchfield PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Swimming provision 2023/34

We are extremely excited to inform you that in **Year 5** your child will receive swimming lessons on the school site, as Birchfield are once again hosting a temporary swimming pool. The temporary swimming pool will be on site during the first half of the summer term and will be safely managed by a qualified lifeguard, a swim instructor, and staff from Birchfield School.

When will my child swim?

Your child will swim each day for 45 minutes between **Monday 8th April – Friday 26th April**. *This may be subject to change, as we anticipate the approaching celebration of Eid clashing with the start date. I am delighted to let you know that our school has partnered with Aspire Active Education Ltd to bring the Swim:ED programme to the school site, for our pupils.

Swimming lessons will be provided by qualified swim instructors and your child will swim in a group of 12. This will facilitate maximum progress during the time that your children are swimming.

In order that your child can safely enter the pool and participate in the swimming lesson it is **essential** they have the correct swimming kit available every day between **Monday 8th April – Friday 26th April**.

Your child will need the following kit:

- Swimming costume/swimming trunks (**not sports shorts**)
- A swimming cap (this is mandatory for the pool risk assessment)
- A towel
- Swimming goggles are encouraged.
- **NO** jewellery/earrings – please ensure that they are removed before your child comes to school
- Suitable shoes for the poolside (these may be flip flops/sliders) so that school shoes do not get wet

Before the programme starts, we just need a bit of information on your child's swimming ability and experience so we can group them accordingly. Please take 30 seconds to complete the questions via [this link](#), this will be a great help!

Swimming is a **mandatory** part of the national curriculum, and it is an essential life skill. It is part of school policy that all children participate. Therefore, all children will be expected to take part in swimming lessons during their allocated swimming block. Please support us in maximising the amount of time children have in the pool by ensuring they have the appropriate kit ready, and it is clean each day.



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May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support, we are thrilled to be able to offer this provision. We know that you will be having positive conversations with your children without the importance of swimming. We hope your child enjoys this opportunity to swim and that you encourage them to swim outside of school time as well.

Yours Sincerely

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