

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming – Years 5 and 6

All children in Years 5 and 6 will soon be going swimming for 30 minutes per week, for the summer term at Ulverston swimming pool. This will be a block of 10 weeks, commencing on **Thursday 2nd May 2019**

The children in these classes will gain so much from attending these sessions such as water confidence, development of strokes and basic water survival. The children will be in a safe environment with 2 members of staff with qualifications, a swimming instructor, lifeguard and helpers in the water for the least confident children. Some children will wear buoyancy aids as appropriate.

The children's ability will be assessed during the first week and they will be placed in groups accordingly, but it would be helpful if you gave a brief description of your child's ability with the reply slip at the end of this letter. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit every Thursday – swimming costume (not bikini style), trunks, shorts, towel but not goggles (see attached information).

Please put the following dates on your calendar for future reference:

SUMMER TERM

Thursday 2 nd May	Thursday 13 th June
Thursday 9 th May	Thursday 20 th June
Thursday 16 th May	Thursday 27 th June
Thursday 23 rd May	Thursday 4 th July
Thursday 6 th June	Thursday 11 th July

SJB has increased its swimming provision for this academic year, offering lessons to all children in Year 1 through to Year 6. The government requirement is that all children by the end of KS2 are confident, competent and proficient over a distance of 25 metres using a range of strokes. Our aim is that the majority of our children end up being able to swim much further and are also taught vital safe self-rescue skills. This of course is extremely important and we hope you will support us to allow SJB to be a successful school in the delivery of swimming and sport/PE generally.

Finally, to help our students along their journey, their progress will be monitored carefully and all successes will be praised in the form of certificates and assemblies, to help your child further develop confidence and hopefully a lifelong love for swimming.

A voluntary contribution of **£15.00** per child/per 10-week term is required which covers some of the cost of the pool and instructor. This equates to **£1.50** per lesson. (The Year 5 and 6 children will walk to and from the pool with members of staff). Without these contributions it will be very difficult to take the children swimming for as many sessions as we do.

Please complete the reply slip below and make payment online via the new **ParentPay system** (www.parentpay.com) and place the completed consent form in the 'Office Drop Box' located in the main entrance. Please contact school via emailadmin@sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk if you need another activation code to access ParentPay.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Parker

Reply Slip - Swimming – Years 5 and 6

I have made payment of £_____ on the ParentPay website.

I enclose a cheque/money for:

£_____ for 10 week block to cover Summer Term

Assessment of your child's ability:

My child is unable to swim []

My child can swim 5 metres []

My child can swim more than 5 metres []

Any further information:

Signed: Date:

Parent/Carer of: Class: