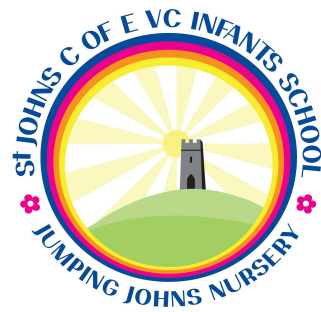


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### INFORMATION FOR SWIMMING

Dear Parents,

Swimming days are as follows:

**Wednesdays – Classes 1 (Hedgehogs), 2 (Rabbits) and 4 (Foxes)**

**Thursdays – Classes 3 (Otters) and 5 (Owls)**

**Fridays - Nursery**

On swimming days, children need to come to school dressed in their **PE clothes**, things that they will find easy to put on and take off themselves. Please make sure that all swimming items are named and put in a waterproof bag, along with a comb or hairbrush. Long hair needs to be tied up or you could also use a swimming hat, (we have these available from the school office at a cost of £2.50). Children will be changing in the classroom and walking across the playground to the pool, so if your child has a dressing gown/hooded towel this will help to keep them warm.

Swimming pools across the country have started to reopen with the lifting of some restrictions on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. This week four members of our staff completed the Safety Training Award Level 2 for swimming. We have also taken into consideration guidance from Swim England regarding returning to the pool with COVID-19 safety measure in place. Please see below:

- There will be two adults at the poolside; one with a First Aid Qualification and the teacher leading the lesson will have the STA Level 2 Award.
- There will be a max of 8 children in each group, who will swim for half an hour.
- Children will change in the classrooms. They will walk to and from the pool in a towel and shoes.
- The shower, toilet and poolside will be disinfected after each class bubble.
- All windows and doors will be open to ventilate the space.
- Staff will deliver lessons from the poolside, any adult entering the pool will be part of the class bubble.
- It is important to note that it has been scientifically proven that chlorine can kill the COVID virus on surfaces in 30 seconds, reducing the risk of transmission.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember to pay for swimming via Parent Pay which includes a consent tick-box

Many thanks,

Mrs Bentley - PE Lead

