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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 6 children in class 10 will be starting their weekly swimming lessons from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September up until the end of the Autumn term. This is part of the National Curriculum and all primary pupils MUST attend swimming lessons. We have added an extra block of swimming lessons to our curriculum as previous years have shown that many children do not reach the age-related level of swimming before the end of Key Stage 2. As I am sure you would agree, it is an important life skill and we endeavor to ensure that all children leaving our school can swim at a competent level.

This will be a half hour lesson and will take place at Castleton Leisure Centre, Rochdale so children will need to bring their swimming kit to school with them each week. We will leave school at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start and will return at approximately 2.30pm. We will travel to and from Castleton baths by coach which is provided by the school.

On the coach we will maintain social distancing guidelines and staff will be wearing face coverings. The coach company we are using have asked that children wear masks on the journey to and from the swimming baths so that the coach driver is protected. Please can you ensure your child brings a mask to wear, school will provide children without any a disposable one if necessary.

Ensure that you inform us of any medical issues such as asthma and make sure your child has the appropriate equipment with them such as inhalers. You must also ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather on the day of swimming such as waterproof coats when it is raining.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to come and ask. Starfish Academy and our risk assessment will be available on the school website.

Your faithfully

Mrs J Seabright  
Headteacher