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Dear Parents / Carers,

From Tuesday 10th September, Year 3 will begin swimming lessons. These will take place every Tuesday morning and we will be going every week, unless you are informed otherwise. Please note that swimming is not optional – it is part of the National Curriculum for Physical Education so children cannot opt out of it.

Children will need to bring a bag to school each week with the following equipment:

- Swimming costume or swimming shorts / trunks (no bikinis)
- A towel
- Swimming cap for children with hair that is shoulder length or longer

Children may also want to take a brush for their hair. Goggles are not permitted unless children need to wear them for medical reasons.

We strongly recommend that earrings are not worn to school on Tuesdays as they are not allowed for swimming. Plasters may not be worn over them. Staff cannot remove them. As previously mentioned, **swimming is mandatory so earrings have to be removed.**

We will travel by coach to and from Blackburn Leisure Centre and children will be supervised by staff from school.

Please contact school if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support,

Mr Johnson