



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents

Swimming – Year 3

Thank you for taking the time to consider the different options for our swimming arrangements and for sharing your preferences with us. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping to guide our decision-making process.

As previously mentioned, we needed to carefully balance the logistics for families, the practicalities for school, and the overall costs involved. Having reviewed all responses, the majority of parents have opted for the arrangement whereby children will travel to the swimming pool by coach and be collected by parents at the end of the session.

It is a requirement of the National Curriculum that all children at Key Stage 2 should be given the opportunity to swim 25 metres. The policy at this school is to give all Year 3 children this opportunity during Terms 5 and 6, hence I have arranged for swimming tuition at Swallows Sittingbourne Swimming Pool on Friday afternoons for ten weeks commencing **24th April 2026** until **10th July 2026**. The sessions will be held on **24th April, 1st, 8th and 22nd May, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June, 3rd and 10th July 2026**.

The children will be collected at school by coach at 12:15pm and taken to Swallows Sittingbourne Swimming Pool for the children's lesson which starts at 1:00 pm until 1:45 pm. The children are to be collected by parents at Swallows swimming pool at 2:30 pm. Please contact the school office if you are unable to collect your child at Swallows and alternative arrangements will be sorted for your child.

The cost of each visit is £12.39 and I am therefore asking if you will make a voluntary contribution of £12.39 per visit to cover these costs. This can be paid weekly or as a one-off payment of £123.90. If for any reason you are unable to pay the full cost, please come and see me in confidence.

Please could you return the permission slip before Friday 27th March 2026, but please do not send in any money or pay online until after the Easter break.

If payment is made by cheque please make the cheque payable to Bapchild & Tonge CE Primary School. You can make a payment directly to the school's bank account stating the child's name and what the payment is for and the details are as follows.

Bank: Nat West Account Number: 79303587 Sort Code: 60-60-08

Swimming is compulsory and no child will be excluded unless I receive evidence from a medical practitioner that it is unwise for them to participate. The children will need to bring their swimming costumes/trunks and a towel. They are not expected to take talcum powder and other similar products. Swimming hats are sensible because they prevent the children from having wet hair for the rest of the day, although these are not necessary.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher





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Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School **Visit to Swallows Sittingbourne Swimming Pool**

Name of child

I give my permission for the above child to attend Swallows Sittingbourne Swimming Pool on 10 occasions commencing Friday 24th April 2026.

- ☐ I will pay my voluntary contribution of £123.90 or
- ☐ I will pay my voluntary contribution of £12.39 per week
- ☐ I will be collecting my child at Swallows Swimming Pool after the lessons

Signed
Parent/Guardian

Date

