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Dear Parents & Carers

The Government has recognised the importance of swimming as part of our curriculum. As a result, they issued a change to the rules last week to allow school swimming to continue during the lockdown. This means, Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 25th November** with the last session on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**.

Our lessons are every Wednesday after lunch. The children will travel on a bus provided by Notts County Council and will return before the end of the normal school day. At present, the government guidance states that children under the age of 11 **do not** need to wear a mask whilst travelling on the bus. However, if you would prefer your child to wear one, this is permitted.

The children will need a towel and swimming costume/trunks in a named bag. The swimming pool does not allow children to wear bikinis or baggy bermuda shorts. Goggles are also advised for their lessons, which we will need your consent for these to be worn at the pool. The consent form has been attached with this letter.

Please note that the school's policy regarding the removal of earrings applies to all swimming sessions and long hair needs to be tied up. It is advised that children do not bring in any additional jewellery i.e bands, watches or fitbit that may get lost, as our changing facilities are left unattended.

To arrive in time for our lesson, we need to be ready to leave before 1pm. Therefore, it is advised, wherever possible, for the children to bring a packed lunch to school on a Wednesday. This enables them to have an earlier lunch before leaving. If your child has a free school meal, we can still provide this to the children on the day. In addition, a small healthy fruit snack can be sent into school for the children to have after the session.

Due to a change in ratios we will need a parent/carer to assist with observing at the pool side. Instructions and guidance will be provided but a DBS check will need to be carried out (school will fund this). Please contact the office for more information on [reception@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk](mailto:reception@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk) if you are able to offer your help.

We are aware of medical issues for the children. However, please ensure that all inhalers are in school and up to date, as we are required to take any medication along with us. Could you also please ensure that we are informed of any changes to their medical history over the course of this time. It is really important for the swimming instructors to be aware of any potential dangers before the children go into the water.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 3 / 4 team.

Mrs Langdown

