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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Top Up Swimming Sessions

The statutory guidance for the National Curriculum states that all schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently **over a distance of at least 25 metres**
- Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

We are pleased to confirm that we have arranged 'top up' swimming sessions at The Arena for Year 6. The aim of these sessions is to ensure that as many Year 6 children as possible achieve the 25m swimming award. For those children in Year 6 who have already achieved this award, the sessions will act as a 'refresher' as we are mindful that due to COVID-19 restrictions most children have not had an opportunity to swim for quite some time.

These sessions are fully funded from Sports Premium funding so there will be no cost to parents. The sessions will take place as follows:

(Session times: 1.00 – 2.30pm)

Tuesday 8th June

Tuesday 15th June

Tuesday 22nd June

Tuesday 29th June

Tuesday 6th July

Transport Arrangements:

Children will be walked to and from the sessions by South Bersted School staff. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat/mac on swimming days in case of rain.

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COVID Guidance/Risk Assessments:

Prior to these sessions taking place, an in-depth risk assessment will be carried out. As part of this process, current COVID-19 guidance will be checked and followed in accordance with Government and West Sussex County Council advice. If, in the event that due to local or national COVID-19 restrictions these lessons could not take place, parents and carers will be notified accordingly.

Swimming Kits:

Children must bring a swimming costume/swimming trunks and a towel in a named bag on the dates listed above.

All children must wear a swimming hat for lessons, which will be provided free of charge by the school. If this becomes lost or damaged, replacement hats can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1 each.

Consent Form:

You must complete the attached consent form and return it to school no later than **Friday 21st May.**

If you have any questions regarding these sessions, please do contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

For South Bersted School

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