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'Striving for Life in all its Fullness'

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Dear year 4 parents and carers,

National Curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety

As you are aware, it is a statutory requirement that we aim for all children to reach the following Government's National Standard for swimming each year:

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

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all children meet the National Curriculum requirements, we are inviting pupils to participate in an additional 6-week swimming course. This additional opportunity is designed to help your child achieve these key swimming milestones, which are essential for their safety and overall physical development.

Archbishop Cranmer have been allocated to swim at Bingham Leisure Centre and receive coaching for 45 minutes on a Wednesday afternoon **commencing Wednesday 6th January 2027 for 12 weeks.**

The arrangements are as follows: -

- Bring swimming kit in on a Wednesday - Girls will need to wear a one-piece costume (no two-piece allowed) and boys will need to wear trunks (no board shorts or pockets allowed)
- Leave school at 1.30pm
- Transport by coach
- Swimming session from 2:15pm to 3pm
- Coached in groups by qualified instructors
- Return to school before the end of the school day

School swimming is a very expensive undertaking; at almost £4500 for a terms swimming lessons with transport, qualified swimming instructors and lifeguards, therefore we would be very grateful if you would make a contribution of £125 towards costs (equates to £10.42 per week) via Arbor and to confirm consent for your child to take part. Payment instalments as follows:

£25.00 – 16th October 2026
£20.00 – 13th November 2026
£20.00 – 11th December 2026
£20.00 – 15th January 2027
£20.00 – 12th February 2027
£20.00 – 12th March 2027

No child is ever precluded on the grounds of cost. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Tracy Strutt in the school office.

Please complete and return the below form along with the goggles form if you would like your child to be able to wear them, no later than Friday 6th November 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stevens
Head Teacher

Swimming Spring Term 2027

I give permission for my child …… to take part in class swimming lessons at Bingham Leisure Centre, travelling by coach.

In order to group the children, please tick the applicable box:-

- My child can confidently swim 25 metres or more [ ]
- My child can swim, but not confidently [ ]
- My child is a non-swimmer [ ]

I am available to be a parent helper for swimming lessons [ ]

Signed …… parent / carer