



18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

To parents of children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Dear parents & carers

### Swimming in School

This year your child's swim session will be delivered in school with Elite Swimming UK. The swimming pool and the changing facilities will all be built and housed on the school grounds and this will enable the swim instructors to deliver an intense 4-week program to the children.

We will be able to give you more information regarding the swim timetable in the next week or so, in the meantime we wanted to pass on as much information regarding the sessions as soon as we could. At the moment, the plan is for Years 3,4 and 5 to have an intense swimming course and for Years 1,2 and 6 to have experience of swimming in school. A final timetable will be sent to you before the end of term.

For the swim sessions your child will need:

- **Appropriate swim wear.** For girls this should be a one-piece swimming costume and for boys either swimming trunks or swim shorts (no board shorts or baggy shorts).
- **A towel** for your child to dry themselves
- **A swim hat**
- **Swim goggles**
- **A pair of waterproof shoes** – sliders, flip flops or crocs are all appropriate

Long hair will need to be tied up and all jewelry removed for safety reasons. If your child comes to school wearing jewelry we may require you to come and remove it before their swim session.

For health and hygiene reasons we kindly request that children do not use the following products on swim days: fake-tan, makeup, hair products (such as gel or hairspray). We also ask that swim friendly sanitary products are used as and when required.





During the first week the swim instructors will assess the children and place them into groups based on ability, within their year group. This will give the children a comfortable, fun session and the children will be moved up as their confidence and ability grows during the sessions.

If for any reason your child is not able to take part in their swim session please inform us at your earliest convenience via email:

[mercerooffice@talloaksacademy.co.uk](mailto:mercerooffice@talloaksacademy.co.uk)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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