Friday 16th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great joy that I would like to inform you that we are ready to safely resume swimming lessons in our school swimming pool. Swimming lessons for Year 1 and Year 2 classes will start with the week commencing on Monday 26th April 2021.

Year 1S (Beech Class) will be swimming on Tuesdays.

Year 1B (Maple Class) will be swimming on Thursdays.

Year 2’s (Birch and Ash Class) will be swimming on Wednesdays.

We have worked hard to make sure that St. Luke’s Swimming Pool is a safe place for our children to learn such a vital skill as swimming is.

Following the Government’s, Swim England’s and Swimming Teachers Association advice on swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum programme during Covid-19 pandemic, we have prepared a new swimming pool/swimming lessons risk assessment which you can view on the school website.

Should you wish to read the Swimming Teachers Association’s advice on school swimming lessons, please visit: <https://www.sta.co.uk/news/2020/11/04/second-lockdown/> and https://www.sta.co.uk/covid-19-latest-updates/

To ensure that our swimming pool is a Covid secure place, we implement additional cleaning and sanitising procedures throughout the school day. The number of swimming sessions in our swimming pool has been decreased so children can have their swimming lesson safely in their Bubble without crossing over with any other group of pupils.

We have also invested in more swimming equipment to provide for all learners on each day without a need to share it between the Bubbles.

**In order to ensure that the swimming lessons run smoothly and safely, we please ask of you the following:**

* Please ensure that on the swimming day your child has a full swimming kit ready: clean swimming costume/swimming shorts, clean towel and a swimming hat. Goggles and flip-flops are optional. It is recommended that all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled.
* Only children who are well on the day of swimming will be taking part in the swimming lessons.
* To show social responsibility towards others, avoid bringing children into school when they are unwell. It is an essential part to play in helping us to fight this pandemic together. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms such as: new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of, or change to sense of smell or taste are advised to stay at home and self-isolate in line with government guidelines until they have received a negative test result.

Should you have any questions regarding swimming lessons please let us know by calling or emailing the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Anna Adamczyk

*PE Coordinator*