



St. Mary's RC Primary School, a Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Swimming Lessons starting Monday 7th September 2026

As part of the National Curriculum, Year 3 children attend swimming lessons each Monday afternoon until the end of the academic year. The programme is designed to meet the requirements of the national curriculum and is delivered by experienced, qualified swimming teachers. Lessons take place at Failsworth Sports Centre and the children walk to the Centre as a class, supervised by members of staff. Classes go alternate weeks, having a one hour lesson. The schedule for swimming lessons during the autumn term is attached for you. When it's the week for your child to attend please ensure they wear a warm, waterproof coat.

On the day your child attends they should bring their swimming costume, with a towel, into school with them at the beginning of the school day.

Swimwear

Boys: trunks or swim shorts. Shorts must have a lining and be no longer than mid-thigh. Long baggy shorts can cause drag resistance and in certain circumstances are unsafe.

Girls: 1 piece swimming costumes. No bikinis. Close fitting leotards and footless tights may also be worn where normal swimwear is not appropriate for religious/cultural reasons. Burka swimsuits are acceptable but they must be tight fitting and hood removed.

Jewellery

All jewellery, religious artefacts and symbols must be removed because of the potential danger to the wearer and other users. The only exception to this rule is a medical alert bracelet, which can be covered by a sweatband. No earrings will be permitted during school swimming lessons so please ensure your child does not attend school with earrings on Mondays.

Hair

Hair should not impede vision whilst swimming. Wearing a swim hat is strongly advised, not only for reasons of safety, but also in relation to skill learning, as the hair could interfere with vision and flow of water across the eyes and face, causing erratic and inefficient head and body movements. Where a hat is not worn, the hair should be secured away from the face by other means.

Goggles

Goggles are generally not allowed during school swimming lessons as, for safety reasons, it is important for the pupil to develop water confidence and be comfortable performing a range of activities without them. Pupils learning to swim or improve their ability often do not swim in straight lines therefore clashes of heads are a potential hazard and injury from goggles can result from this. Visibility can also be impaired when using goggles as the eye pieces often quickly steam up or cloud over. **Exceptions:** If there is an underlying medical condition which necessitates the wearing of goggles, a letter from your doctor/optician will be required.

Yours sincerely,

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SCHEDULE OF Y3 SWIMMING LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2026

Monday 7th September Y3 COL

Monday 14th September Y3 AH

Monday 21st September Y3 COL

Monday 28th September Y3 AH

Monday 5th October Y3 COL

Monday 12th October Y3 AH

Monday 19th October Y3 COL

Monday 26th October HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November NO SWIMMING – Day of the Dead Celebrations in School

Monday 9th November Y3 AH

Monday 16th November Y3 COL

Monday 23rd November Y3 AH

Monday 30th November Y3 COL

Monday 7th December Y3 AH

Monday 14th December Y3 COL

School Closes at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December for Christmas Holidays

