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Year 5 **Swimming Lessons**

Dear Families,

On Tuesday, 3rd February 2026, the Year 5 children in Falcons & Kestrels will be going swimming from school every week until July.

The lessons will take part at Rochdale Swimming Baths and the children will be taken by coach, at no cost to yourselves. The children will be in the pool for one hour and the aim of these sessions is for children who are confident swimmers to develop their skills and for those who are less confident, to be able to swim in order to stay safe in the water. These lessons are a requirement of the National Curriculum and are therefore compulsory.

The children will travel to their swimming lesson after they have had their dinner at school, and will then return to school for 2.30pm. Therefore, this will not affect pick-up time at the end of the school day.

The children will need to bring a spare bag with them containing: a towel, underwear and goggles/swim cap if preferred. The children have been advised to wear their swimming costume/shorts underneath their uniform for ease and speed when getting changed on arrival. There will be an instructor and a life guard at the swimming pool.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Mrs Whittaker or Mrs Kapler.

Please also find attached more information provided from Rochdale Swimming Baths.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kapler and Mrs Whittaker.