



SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Federation of Abbey Infant and Junior School

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Monday 15th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 – Swimming Lessons – 2026/2027

When your child moves to Year 4 they will be having swimming lessons at Sandwell Aquatic Centre. The lessons will be delivered by a qualified swimming teacher. The lessons will commence week commencing **Monday 7th September 2026** and finish the end of Summer term 2026. The children will be transported to Sandwell Aquatic Centre by Coach.

Children will be required to bring appropriate swim wear (no beach wear), a towel, a swimming cap and goggles (swimming cap and goggles are optional). Please ensure that your child's hair is tied back. If your child does not own a swimming cap, they can be purchased through your ParentPay account at a cost of £3.20.

All jewellery, including earrings recently pierced, will have to be removed. If your child is unable to remove their earrings and any other jewellery then they will remain in school. If your child cannot remove their jewellery themselves please ensure you remove it on the day they have swimming. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove earrings or jewellery from a child's person. Any religious bangles that cannot be removed need to be covered with a wrist sweat band.

If your child has a verruca, then a verruca sock is needed. If your child has a verruca and a verruca sock is not provided, they will have to remain in school. All the children are required to have a short shower as they enter and leave the pool. However, shower gel and other toiletries are not allowed.

The coach will be leaving promptly at 9.00am.

Please can we ask that all Year 4 children be in school every Friday at 8.40am.

This will enable teachers to register at 08.50am for attendance and meal options. Also, it will give time for children to go to the toilet, collect belongings and get on the coach by 8.55am.

Children arriving after the gates have been locked and entering via the school office will be unable to go swimming and will be taught in an alternative class.

Children will not be added to the register on route, even if the coach hasn't left yet.

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Please log onto your child's ParentPay account to give permission for your child to participate by **Monday 29th June 2026.**

Without this consent your child will be unable to take part.

To enable the children to attend weekly swimming sessions, we will require a number of volunteers who can commit to attending on a reliable and consistent basis. Volunteers would accompany the children on the coach journey to and from the venue and throughout the swimming session. Regular attendance is important to help ensure the smooth running of the programme and the safety and supervision of all children involved. If this is something you can commit to please confirm on ParentPay.

Yours sincerely

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