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Dear Parents / Carers

Monday 16th November 2026

Year 5 Swimming Lessons – Spring Term 2027

As part of the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum, all children are required to swim a minimum of **25 metres using a recognised stroke** by the end of Year 5.

We are pleased to inform you that your child will begin their swimming lessons on **Friday 8th January 2027**. This initial session will be an **assessment** conducted by the swimming staff to determine your child's current ability. Based on this assessment, they will be placed in an appropriate ability group for their weekly lessons.

Lesson Dates:

- **Initial Assessment**: Friday 8th January
- **Weekly Lessons**:
  - **Friday 15th January to Friday 12th February**
  - **Friday 26th February to Friday 19th March**

Lessons will take place during the school day at **Thomas Alleyne's High School, Uttoxeter** and form part of your child's P.E. curriculum. These sessions are **free of charge**, provided by the school. Transportation to and from Uttoxeter is provided by the school.

What your child will need:

- Swimming costume:
  - Girls – a simple one-piece swimsuit
  - Boys – swimming trunks or fitted swim shorts
- **Towel**
- **Swimming cap** (required for all pupils, regardless of hair length)
- **Goggles** If you would like your child to wear goggles for swimming, please complete the online consent form via Permission to wear goggles at swimming lessons 2026-2027 or
- **All jewellery, including earrings, must be removed** prior to the lesson.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding swimming lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Bannister
Lead for PE