



Executive Headteacher: Miss R. Sandell

Headteacher: Guy Fairbairn

10 January 2019

**TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF RIVERA CLASS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term Rivera will be taking part in the National Swimming program in their PE lesson, it is an expectation that all students will take part as it is part of the National Curriculum.

Swimming will be on **TUESDAY morning between 10:00 and 12:00**. Children will be *transported* in two groups from school on the school Mini bus. Miss De Melo will be the teacher taking them swimming this term and other staff from school. A risk assessment has been completed and approved by the Head Teacher. Swimming lessons will be held at Royal Russell School, Croydon. Royal Russell staff, who are DBS checked and have the approved teaching qualification will lead the lesson with our staff supervising from poolside. This will be a closed session and no members of the public will not be present or students from the school. Students will be divided into groups for the lesson and this will then determine when they will leave school for their lesson. If a child does not bring their swimming kit to school, they will stay in another year 3 class that session and complete work with the other class.

Children will need the following **ALL labelled** with their names, if items are lost we can then return them to the correct child.

- Swimmers
- Swimming hat for children with hair at or below their shoulders
- Goggles (optional)
- Towel
- School PE kit

During their swimming lesson, children will change from their school PE kit into their swimmers and take part in the 30-minute lesson. At the end of the lesson, they will then return into their school PE kit and come back to school on the Mini Bus. Staff will supervise the changing rooms but will be unable to assist children to change. There is no hair drying facilities. Children will have approximately 20 minutes to change back into their school clothes and be ready to leave.

Swimming will be starting on 15<sup>th</sup> January. I understand for some children that formal swimming lessons may be a new experience for them. Please speak to your child over the weekend about swimming and the pool. The children will be expected to follow the school rules and expectations and if they fail to follow them, they will receive yellow and red cards as they would in the classroom. If they are concerned, Miss de Melo will also be talking about swimming on Monday with the class before the first lesson on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shilling  
Assistant Headteacher