Saint Joseph & Saint Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 3rd September 2026

Swimming Lessons for Rosa Parks and Malala Classes (2026-2027)

Dear Parents and Carers,

By the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6), the Department for Education (DfE) expects all pupils to be able to meet the following National Curriculum swimming and water safety requirements:

Core Curriculum Standards

- 25-Metre Swim: Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres without stopping or touching the bottom.
- Stroke Efficiency: Use a range of recognised strokes effectively, including front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.
- Self-Rescue: Perform safe self-rescue skills appropriate to different water-based environments and emergency situations.

As a school, we are required to report whether pupils have met these standards.

For the 2026-2027 academic year, we are proposing that all children in Rosa Parks Class and Malala Class attend swimming lessons during the Autumn Term.

- Rosa Parks Class will swim on Tuesday mornings, beginning Tuesday 15th September 2026.
- Malala Class will swim on Thursday mornings, beginning Thursday 19th September 2026.

Cost

The cost of the swimming lessons will be £40 and £20 for those entitled to pupil premium.

Payment can be made either weekly or in full via the Bromcom App. If you experience any difficulties with payment, please speak to Ms Zoleo in the school office.

Opting Out of Swimming Lessons

If you would prefer your child not to attend swimming lessons, you must provide evidence that they are able to:

- Swim at least 25 metres;
- Use a range of recognised strokes effectively; and
- Demonstrate safe self-rescue skills.

If your child cannot meet all three of these requirements, they will be expected to attend the swimming lessons.

Please note that pupils who are withdrawn from swimming lessons will still need to accompany their class to the swimming pool, as we will not have staff available to supervise children who remain at school. Children not taking part in the lessons should therefore bring a book or other suitable reading material with them.

Arrangements

Swimming lessons for both classes will take place at Wells Leisure Centre and begin at 9:00am.

Please ensure that your child is dropped off at the leisure centre by 8:45am, where they will be met by members of school staff. Staff will walk the children back to school following the lesson.

If you have another child who needs to be dropped off at school, their lateness will be authorised on swimming days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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