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Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Year 5 Swimming 2019**  
**DATES: Monday 11th March to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March NO FRIDAYS**  
**11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**In the water time: 10-50 am until 11-30 am**

As part of the National Curriculum for PE in 2018 your child took part in swimming lessons at Whitgift pool. This year the children who did not achieve their 25m badge will be given the opportunity to receive additional lessons free of charge to be able to gain their certificate.

They are taught by qualified swimming instructors, who will assess their ability to swim and teach them in appropriate ability groups. Safety and appropriate behaviour in and around water is also part of the lessons.

These additional Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 11th March 2019. The children will then have a further 7 lessons, on a daily basis (no Fridays), completing these on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The children will be transported to and from the pool during the school day and they will need their swimming trunks or costume, towel and if possible a swimming hat, for each session. All pierced earrings are to be removed, as children are not allowed into the pool with them in.

Swimming and water safety is a statutory element of the national curriculum and all pupils are expected to participate. This means that:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively such as front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke and perform safe self-rescue in different waterbased situations.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs L Hackfath**  
**Head teacher**

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## YEAR 5 SWIMMING NOTIFICATION FORM

I confirm I have received notification for my child to attend swimming lessons at Whitgift pool.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_