



Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Many of you filled out a swimming questionnaire to help us identify students that would benefit from additional support to improve their swimming skills and confidence in water. We are now writing to inform you that your child has been selected to participate in our catch-up swimming lessons this term, which is fully funded by the Sport Premium Budget.

Our PE curriculum vision is for all children to be safe in the water and be able to swim 25 meters by the time they leave us here at Ferndale. Therefore, these lessons will be highly beneficial as they not only enhance swimming abilities but also promote water safety awareness, which is crucial for every child.

These catch-up sessions will take place **every day** for two weeks, starting on the **24th February until the 6th March** from 9:00am until 3:00pm They are 30 minutes long, with a max of 12 children in each group and are conducted by a qualified swimming instructor, who is dedicated to helping each child improve at their own pace in a supportive and encouraging environment. We will also have a dedicated lifeguard to support.

Please ensure that your child comes prepared **every day** for these two weeks. They will need:

- a swimming costume
- a towel
- a swimming hat (**this must be worn at all times in the pool**)
- something to cover themselves when walking to and from the changing area
- sliders

Also, please ensure they don't have hair product in their hair to keep the pool clean and that they take off any jewellery for their own safety.

We are really excited about this amazing opportunity for our students, so if you have any questions or if there are any specific needs or considerations for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs O'Brien