



St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

Church Lane East, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3SS

Headteacher: Mrs Jenny Jones

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

7th March 2022

Dear Parents,

Next half term Year 5 will go swimming as part of their National Curriculum studies. The children will swim at Aldershot Pool for half an hour every Thursday morning commencing **Thursday 28th April**, with the last session being held on **Thursday 26th May**. These swimming sessions will replace Wednesday's PE lesson and children should come into school wearing their PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday.

The children will develop their water confidence, safety and ability to swim at three different levels of competence. It would be useful to know if your child is a swimmer and, if so, how far they can swim confidently. This information will be passed to the swimming instructors who will assess the children on the first session and group them accordingly. Parents should be aware that the school staff will not be responsible for groupings during swimming lessons.

Please complete the goggle form and return it to the school office by Friday 25th March. We would be grateful for offers of help walking the children to / from Aldershot Pool.

<https://forms.office.com/r/XAUkHL0ayR>

Clothing and Safety (as requested by Aldershot Pool)

1. All hair tied back, swimming hats **must** be worn by all children.
2. In keeping with school policy and swimming pool Health & Safety regulations NO jewellery at all, including earrings.
3. Verrucas – need to wear flip flops from changing room to poolside.
4. No below the knee shorts or loose fitting t-shirts. Swim rash vests can be worn.

Children should bring a small PE bag with their underwear, towel, swimwear, swimming hat and goggles (optional).

Parks class will be swimming first, leaving school at 9.00am. If your child is in this class please could they wear their swimming costume, which can be changed swiftly, under their PE kit. Mandela and Luther King are swimming at 10.00am and 10.30am respectively. Your child can wear their costume underneath their PE kit if preferable.

Yours sincerely,

Yr. 5 Team

