



11th March 2020

Swimming at Bentley Bridge

Dear Parent/carer,

It has come to our attention that some families are requesting that their children stop taking part in swimming lessons due to concerns around Coronavirus. Current government guidance does not affect swimming lessons in any way and all the usual hygiene precautions around hand washing will be taken. Should the government update their advice to schools we will of course review this matter.

We would like to reassure all parents that the Bentley Bridge swimming centre has been contacted. They have assured the school and the general public who use their facilities that as like all other public services they are following government guidelines and have put extra measures in place to promote good hygiene.

They have asked that we remind parents of the following:

1. Antibacterial gels are located around the baths including near the front entrance for people to use on arrival.
2. The changing room area is **exclusive** to schools only, there are no other users at any time of the day using these changing facilities. This includes their evening and weekend classes, who use different changing rooms.
3. The changing area and general facilities are cleaned every evening using antibacterial cleaning products.
4. The centre has put signs up around the toilet areas to encourage children of good hand hygiene. All schools would have received the guidance as have we and ensured this is implemented, children are aware of the increased need to wash hands and when coughing/sneezing to ensure they catch it, kill it and bin it.

The children's Swimming lessons are a compulsory part of the National Curriculum which pupils cannot be 'excused' from without a doctor's note confirming that there is a medical condition/illness which prevents them from participating. All other pupils who are present at school are expected to take part fully in these compulsory swimming lessons. Thank you for your support in this matter. Should you need to discuss this matter further please do contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr J Gomersall
Deputy Headteacher