

Swim:ED Swimming Pool Programme coming to Greenfields Community Primary School

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to let you know that our school has partnered with Teamtheme Kent to bring the Swim:ED programme to Greenfields Community Primary School, for our pupils.

This is an amazing opportunity for your child to continue their swimming and water safety journey. Swimming Lessons will take place at the pop-up swimming pool that is situated on our school site. This project aims to give your child the skills and knowledge to perform safe self-rescue and acquire the lifelong skill that is swimming. Pupils will be taught by qualified swimming instructors, supported by our staff, and lessons will be supervised by qualified lifeguards. The programme provides a perfect opportunity for your child to learn swimming and self-rescue skills in a controlled safe environment.

Swim:ED will be commencing at Greenfields Community Primary School on 01/09/25.

All of KS2 will be able to access swimming lessons, each class will swim everyday for 2 weeks, please see below for the date your child's class will be swimming:

Elm and Silver Birch - 1st - 12th September

Palm and Sycamore - 15th - 26th September

Maple and Chestnut - 29th September - 10th October

Please follow the link to learn more about Swim:ED - <https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/for-schools/swim-ed>

The programme has been created by [Aspire Active Education Ltd](#) with the support of [Swim England](#) and [Royal Life Saving Society](#) and aims to ensure every child leaving primary school is able to meet the Swimming National Curriculum requirements.

Expectations

As part of the National Curriculum, every child should leave primary school:

- Be able to demonstrate safe self-rescue and evidence of this in different water-based situations.
- Be able to swim confidently, competently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25m.
- Be able to perform a range of strokes confidently and competently.

Why is swimming important?

Shocking statistics demonstrate that 1 in 3 children are leaving primary school each year unable to swim 25m, and over half of year 6 pupils can't demonstrate a safe self-rescue. These figures are set to increase without intervention.

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What is a Pop-up Pool?

A pop-up pool is a fun and exciting addition to our school's physical education program. With dimensions of approximately 10m x 5m and a depth of 1.2m, the above-ground pool structure provides a high-quality and safe swimming experience for children. The pool meets industry standards and safety requirements, ensuring that all children can enjoy a fun and secure swimming experience. Equipped with a filter and pool heater to maintain a safe water temperature, the pool is situated under a 9x12m modular structure.



What can I do to prepare my child for school swimming lessons?

- Go swimming as a family before they start their lessons.
- Visit the Swim England parent hub at www.swimming.org/learntoswim
- Find your local pool at www.swimming.org/poolfinder
- Talk positively about going swimming and the importance of learning to swim.
- Ensure they are able to dress and undress themselves and dry themselves independently, including getting into and out of their swimwear.
- Support with practising blowing bubbles, splashing water over their face and submerging their face.

What to wear for swimming?

- Girls to wear a **one-piece swimming costume**.
- Flipflops or similar waterproof footwear to walk around inside the structure to and from the pool.
- Boys to wear **swimming trunks** or **swimming shorts** (above the knee).
- Children may choose to wear rash vests and or leggings for modesty if they wish. **NO T-shirts**.
- Goggles and swim caps **MUST** be worn (we have a supply of these if you do not have any).
- Long hair must be **tied back**.
- Jewellery (except for an SOS talisman) is **NOT** permitted during school swimming lessons i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, waterproof watches, rings etc.
- Should your child have a verruca they **MUST** wear a verruca sock
- Please ensure your child also **brings a towel** with them to dry after their session!

How Can You Support The Cause?

The Speedo Swim United initiative is committed to ensuring all children leave school able to swim and self-rescue. To continue effecting positive change the initiative welcomes support via the Swim United Change.org petition. Further information is available via the below QR code:



Yours sincerely,

Mr Dan Andrews
Headteacher