

# GREYSBROOKE

## Primary School



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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Due to vastly increased transport costs and lack of suitable pools for some of our primary schools, ATLP have sought alternative swimming provision for this academic year. The Trust have carried out extensive research and due diligence to source a company who will provide swimming provision for our primary children in the form of a 'pop up' pool.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our children, and we are very much looking forward to experiencing this improved provision over the summer term.



The 'pop up' pool will be sited at Mere Green Primary School and our children will be transported to Mere Green using an ATLP minibus. Children will be swimming in groups of no more than fifteen children with two swimming teachers provided by Kick Start Academy. The children will change at Mere Green in two enclosed gazebos located next to the pool providing male and female changing. A member of Greysbrooke staff will accompany each group of children at all times.

The Trust have completed a risk assessment for children travelling to and from Mere Green, for changing times and for an emergency evacuation at Mere Green (for example fire evacuation). Kick Start Academy have completed risk assessments for all swimming provision including swimming instruction, emergency evacuation of the pool and normal operating procedures.

The swimming lessons will be for Year 4 and run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, offering a two-week intensive course with the children swimming every day for 25 minutes. We feel strongly that this daily lesson will increase the rate of progress children make in their swimming ability and the children's confidence.

This daily lesson will mean that the children will need a dry swimming kit with them every day for this two-week period. We appreciate that drying a kit or indeed having a spare kit could be a challenge and if you need support with this, please contact the school office via notification email. We also recommend the children have a pair of flip flops/sliders/crocs to slip on if they should need the toilet during the swimming lesson.

Once your child has completed their swimming and you have any feedback, (positive and developmental) please email this through to the school office who will pass it onto the Trust. We will also be seeking the views of the children.

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This is a new provision for our children and will be under constant review by the Trust to ensure it is meeting the needs of the children and following all fully assessed procedures. If you have any questions regarding this provision, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ellie Ballinger'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ellie Ballinger  
Headteacher