



LONG MEAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 7 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to inform you that, Phoenix Class will start their swimming lessons on **Thursday 17 September 2026**.

The swimming dates for Phoenix are: Term 1: 17/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10. Term 2: 5/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11, 3/12 and 10/12.

Girls should wear a one-piece swimming costume (i.e. no bikinis) and boys should wear swimming trunks or shorts (which finish well above the knee). If goggles are worn, please make sure they are named. Children should bring their kit and towel each week in a bag large enough to hold their entire school uniform when they get changed.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and as such all children must attend. If your child should be ill or have a reason not to swim, please send in a note explaining why they are not going. The swimming pool have informed us that they are happy for children to swim even if they have a verruca, so this is not a reason not to take part.

The school heavily subsidises the tuition costs for the swimming lessons and the transport. However, we do ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 a week (£40 for the 2 terms) to cover the remainder of the costs. If parents are unable to make this contribution, then money has to come from elsewhere such as funding for trips or workshops. We understand that some families may have financial difficulties, please talk to someone in the school office as soon as you can, if you are unable to make a contribution.

Please can you sign the permission slip below and return it by **Friday 11 September 2026**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rantell
Interim Headteacher

Return to the School Office by **Friday 11 September 2025**

I give consent for in Phoenix Class to take part in swimming lessons at Tonbridge Pool during Terms 1&2).

I understand that the school heavily subsidises the tuition cost of the swimming lessons and transport.

I will make a payment of £4.00 per week via the School Gateway ☐

I will pay £40.00 in full via the School Gateway ☐

Signed Date