



# Swimming Lessons at Barnett Wood Infant School



**Information Pack**

**2026**



# Swimming Lessons at Barnett Wood Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very fortunate to have our own heated outdoor swimming pool at Barnett Wood and we are one of just a handful of infant schools across the county to have one. Our swimming pool opens from May to September with many members of our community benefitting from this wonderful facility.

This information pack sets out all you need to know about our swimming lessons during term time. please read it carefully. We also make use of our pool during the Summer holidays with our Family Swim Scheme which runs from June to September - a separate brochure is available for parents interested in joining the scheme, which we will be sending out soon. Places on the swim scheme are limited, so please look out for the email with details of booking if you are interested in joining the scheme.

## Our Pool

Our pool is 15 metres long and 6 metres wide. The depth is just less than 1 metre throughout. We have an excellent group of parents who work tirelessly on maintaining the pool and pump room, ensuring that the pool is safe to use throughout the summer. It is heated throughout the summer with temperatures averaging 30 degrees Celsius. We provide swimming aids and floats for the children to use if needed.



## Swimming Teachers

All children have two 30 minute lessons per week with a Level 2 qualified swimming instructor who we employ externally. This year, our swimming teacher is Miss Katie Gill. A member of school staff is also present at the pool during lesson time. Lessons are taught in groups of maximum 13 children (smaller groups for Reception children). The swimming teacher will assess the children during their first lesson and plan their next steps of progress.

## Parent/Carer Contributions

As swimming is not a statutory National Curriculum subject (until Key Stage 2), we ask parents to contribute towards the cost of the swimming teacher and the up keep of the pool. For approximately 16 lessons (plus fun swim sessions in the last week of term and start of Autumn term), we are asking for a contribution of £60 per child - this works out at just over £3 a lesson, which we think is very good value compared to local swimming groups!

We are hopeful that all parents can contribute so that we can pay for the swimming teachers and continue to improve this wonderful facility for our community. In the last few years, we have replaced the wall, replaced the heat exchanger, installed under floor heating and we replaced the thermal pool cover. Payments can be made by bank transfer using the following details:

**Barnett Wood School Fund**

**Sort code: 40-08-44**

**Account No: 71005294**

Please use the reference swimming and your child's surname. Please complete the online form below to confirm payment has been made:

[Swimming Lessons Contribution Confirmation Form](#)



# Swimming Lessons at Barnett Wood Infant School

## What to bring on Swimming lesson days

EACH CHILD WILL NEED:	DO NOT NEED
Bag for swimming things; similar size to a PE bag	NO LARGER BAGS PLEASE. Our cloakrooms are small!
2 towels – one for drying, one small hand towel. The small towel is placed on the floor for the child to stand on when the child returns from their lesson. This helps children find their space and prevents the spread of foot infections. The second towel is left on top of the clothes ready for drying.	NO TALCUM POWDER NEEDED
One-piece swimming costume/trunks (no baggy/ Bermuda shorts). Protective swim t-shirts can be worn on very sunny days.	Although not essential, wearing goggles during the lesson is acceptable for pupils who have a specific need. Ideally pupils need to experience swimming without goggles, particularly for water safety development.
Hats for long hair – hats can be purchased from the office in an assortment of colours. Brush or comb. Please tie long hair up on swim days.	NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN IN THE POOL. Earrings <b>MUST</b> not be worn on swimming days and removed before school.
Verruca sock if needed – foot checks are made and you will be informed if a verruca is found, but please check regularly yourself (verruca socks are available from the office).	
Children <b>must</b> have their cardigan or jumper and an outdoor coat. Even though the weather may be warm, children can be cold after swimming. In the height of summer, a coat may not be necessary.	

**Sun cream** - On hot days, please apply sun cream before coming to school. Sun cream applied just before swimming will affect the chemicals and the quality of our pool water.

**No kit** - If your child forgets their swimming things, they may not be able to swim. We only have a few spare costumes. These must be washed and returned the next day.



# Swimming Lessons at Barnett Wood Infant School

## Parent Volunteers

We ask for parent help with supervising changing. Please note, there will always be at least one member of staff with a DBS check accompanying the children and supervising parents. If you would like to supervise, we ask that you apply for a DBS check through the school office. Some of our parents already have a DBS check through the school and you do not need to reapply. Please note that if you have previously had a DBS but have not volunteered in school for more than 12 weeks, then you will need to reapply for a new DBS check.

Thank you to our class reps for organising a rota. Please let them know of your availability to help with supervising children.

Volunteers sign in - you will need to sign at the school office when supervising at the pool. Please then make your way to the pool via the hall and through the Reception cloakroom. Please close all gates.

We have a process in place to collect everyone from the pool area in an emergency.

There are two changing rooms; one for boys, one for girls. There will be minimum one volunteer in each room and a volunteer will 'float' between the two rooms. The children must undress, dry and dress themselves. They will need help with swim hats and armbands. Clothes are placed in a plastic bowl, provided. Parents should sit poolside during the lesson as extra pairs of eyes. If any parents need to bring younger siblings to volunteer, we request for health and safety reasons that they do not sit pool side. We ask you not to use your mobile phones. In case of an emergency, one parent will stay and the other parent will inform the office.

## Pool Safety

It goes without saying that safety in and around the swimming pool is extremely important. Children are taught the safety rules before their first lesson. Please speak to your child to remind them of safety around water.

We also ensure that the water is safe to swim in by checking it three times a day to ensure chemical levels are correct. Our maintenance team of parents also ensure the pool environment is safe.

Parent volunteers are given a Safeguarding briefing to ensure they know what to do if they have any concerns about the welfare of a child.

If you have any concerns at any time about the safety of anyone around the pool at any time, please speak to Mrs Gibbard.



# Swimming Lessons at Barnett Wood Infant School

## Timetable 2026

Change time	9.00	9.35	10.25	11.00	1.00	1.30	2.00
Swim time	9.15	9.50	10.40	11.15	1.15 - 1.40	1.45 - 2.10	2.15 - 2.40
Mon	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Toddler Swim	Toddler Swim	Toddler Swim
Tue	Badgers	Badgers	Foxes	Foxes	Squirrels	Squirrels	Squirrels
Wed	Owls	Owls	Rabbits	Rabbits	Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs
Thu	Foxes	Foxes	Badgers	Badgers	Squirrels	Squirrels	Squirrels
Fri	Rabbits	Rabbits	Owls	Owls	Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs	Hedgehogs

