

### Swimming attainment Information

Historically, all children had one block of at least eight swimming lessons every year over a term. They learnt a range of skills over the four years and developed their competencies to become confident swimmers, who know how to keep themselves safe. Most children also went on to complete national awards, including life-saving awards. This was, however, much disrupted by the global COVID pandemic and there being limited access to swimming.

The 2022/23 Y6 children therefore only had two terms of swimming equating to 16 lessons overall instead of the normal 35 lessons.

This year, in an attempt to increase the percentage of children who are confident, competent swimmers, we followed advice from our swimming lesson providers and trialed a two-week intensive swimming block, with children having a 40minute swimming lesson every day over a two-week block. This was very successful and good progress was reported for all of our pupils.

The data below shows an increase in the number of our pupils who are confidently able to swim 25m using a range of strokes. However, this data is still significantly below our pre-pandemic levels. The number of children able to swim 10m is also significantly below our pre-pandemic data as many of our current year 6 children did not start to learn to swim until they had their first swimming block with us in year 4 – historically they would have had lessons in both Y2 and Y3.

We have also noticed a significant reduction in the number of our children having swimming lessons outside of school, which we believe is in part due to the longer-term impact of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Percentage of Y6 children can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 10 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.	64%	63%
Percentage of Y6 children meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.	34%	54%