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Dear Parents of Key Stage 2

### Physical Education in Key Stage 2 at Greenway

In Parent Forum discussions took place concerning PE and swimming in Key Stage 2.

Ideally I would have liked the Year 3 classes to alternate swimming over a period of 4 weeks, then the year 4 children to have their swimming lessons. However, this (due to hall timetabling), would mean that those classes swimming would only have half an hour of PE a week.

At present over the 4 week rotation all children have access to 4.5 hours of PE. This does not mean that the children will only ever have PE at this time. Weather permitting class teachers can use the outside areas of the school in the afternoons, one of the benefits of having a creative curriculum. The Qualifications and Curriculum Development Authority (QCDA) does not set time allocations for any subject.

At Greenway we feel that swimming is an important life skill and the statutory requirement is that all children are able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year 6. The first session that the children have is an assessment of their swimming capabilities and this enables us to determine which group they will be put into. One group will then be taken by myself and the other by the Sports Centre Swimming coach.

I hope this clears up any misunderstandings. Please can we clarify that children do not require a drink or snack, after swimming, as they have only just had their lunch!

Regards

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