

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 2 Swimming Sessions 2026

We are delighted to advise you that Year 2 will have the option of attending swimming lessons at Garons during the summer term between April and July 2026. These will take place on a Friday morning and will cover a 5-week crash course aimed at developing water confidence and swimming skills. The swimming lessons will replace one of your child's weekly PE lessons, but a timetable showing all of the necessary details will follow once finalised.

Each group will swim for 30 minutes in a small group of no more than 15 children, and will be under the tuition of 2 qualified swimming coaches from Garons, (one of which will be actually in the water) as well as having additional, familiar staff and volunteers at poolside and in the changing rooms.

It is anticipated that we will use the Portico Minibus to transport the children to/from Garons, although we do also have the option to walk this short distance if necessary. As with all of our off-site activities, any parental support is very valued so if you are able to volunteer some of your time to support these sessions it would be much appreciated.

In order, for us to group the children successfully around their existing ability and/or confidence in the water we would invite you to complete the short questionnaire by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code provided in classroom windows.

[Swimming 2026 – Fill in form](#)

This form will also ask you to provide your consent for your child to swim and whether you are able to volunteer to support our swimming lessons.

In order to prepare, please make sure your child has the correct swimming kit ready for when these sessions start, as without the correct kit your child will not be able to swim.

The required kit includes:

- Full 1 piece swimming costume, swimming trunks (not baggy Bermuda short style) or an all-in-one swimsuit.



- Swimming hat (can be purchased from the school office or directly from Crawlers)
- Towel

Please be aware that if your child has a key medical condition such as asthma or epilepsy, we will ask them to wear a red-coloured hat which allows them to be easily identifiable in the pool.

As an important note, if you intend for your child to swim, please ensure that they do **not** have their ears pierced during the Easter holidays as they will be unable to swim due to the increased risk of infection and the fact that the earrings cannot be removed for six weeks after piercing.

As I am sure you can appreciate, swimming lessons are very expensive so we would respectfully ask for a contribution towards this vital life skill, which will leave the children better prepared for a safe, summer holiday. With this in mind, we are asking for a contribution of £12.50 (just £2.50 per lesson) covering the swimming lessons, expert tuition and transportation. While, our school remains committed to subsidising swimming lessons for our young children, this is not sustainable without your valuable contributions, so thank you in advance for your support.

The payment item is available on Arbor now. A guide to making your contribution can be found at the end of this letter.

At Hamstel Infants, we remain proud of our commitment to teach our young people to swim as early as possible and we will always strive to ensure that our children keep getting these opportunities despite it not being part of our statutory Key Stage 1 curriculum.

We really hope the children love this opportunity to further develop their skills and confidence in the water.

Best regards



Mr. Roche

Principal



## **How to make a payment towards the cost of swimming sessions:**

The payment item can be found on your child's main profile page under '**Quick Actions**', '**Trips**', choose this option.

You will see a section '**Trips Open to** (your child's name), choose **Year 2 Swimming Sessions 2026**.

Now you can view the information and on the right hand side of the page is a '**Sign up ....**' button, choose this option.

The contribution requested for your child is £12.50. This can be paid as one total amount or in multiples of £2.50 for example if you wished to pay £5.00 one month and then the remaining £7.50 the following month.

You can now choose to '**Add to basket**' - use this option if there are other items you want to pay for in one total transaction.

Or choose '**Make Payment**'. You will then be asked to add your card details and confirm the payment.

If you are unable to make payments using the system after following these steps please contact the school office. We are also happy to accept cash at the school office but please do not send cash through the classes. Thank you.

