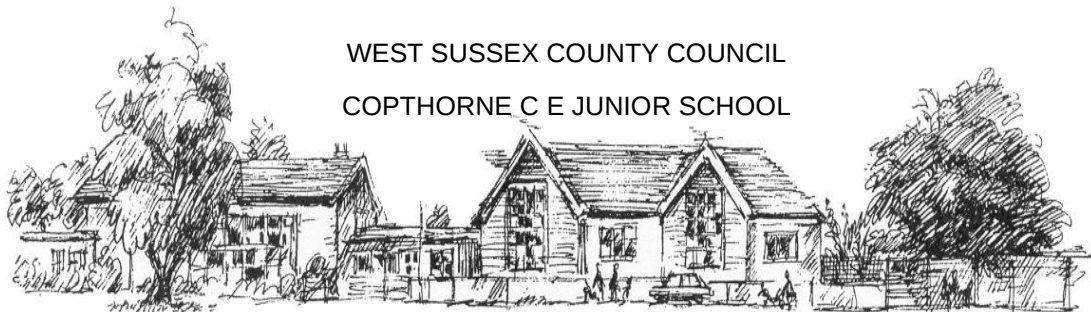




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Swimming Lessons

As you are aware, swimming lessons for Year 5 will be commencing on Thursday 23rd April and will occur weekly until 9th July 2026. There will be no swimming on 14th May. The lessons will take place during the course of the normal school day, so your child must arrive on time every Thursday.

Children should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring with them the following items:

1. Swimsuit or trunks: Please bring a swimsuit or trunks that are appropriate for swimming. These should be comfortable and well-fitting so they can move freely in the water.
2. Towel: After the swimming lesson, they will need a towel to dry off. Please bring a large towel that is big enough to wrap around them comfortably.
3. Plastic bag: A plastic bag is useful for keeping their wet swimsuit and towel separate from their other belongings.
4. Earrings: All jewellery has to be removed before swimming – this is the requirement of the swimming pool. If your child cannot remove their earrings, then they **MUST** wear a swimming hat.
5. Long hair: Long hair needs to be tied back.

OPTIONAL

4. Swim cap: If your child has long hair, a swim cap will help keep it out of their face and prevent it from getting tangled in the water.
5. Goggles.

Please make sure that all your belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix-ups with other students' belongings. If your child comes to school with their swimming kit on, please ensure that they have their underwear in their bag for when they change back into their uniform.

It is a statutory requirement within the National Curriculum for children to be able to swim and every child will be expected to attend these lessons as part of Year 5's physical education programme.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at either elm@copthornejunior.co.uk or sycamore@copthornejunior.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Corp and Mr Payne