



Ark Charter Academy

6th November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following completion of vital maintenance work on the school swimming pool, we are very pleased to announce that we will be bringing swimming back on to our Key Stage 3 curriculum for students in Year 8 and Year 9.

Students will be informed the week before their swimming lessons are about to start, and a text message will be sent home to notify parents. Students will be required to wear their dry Charter PE kit for all other PE lessons this academic year.

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we will be limiting the number of students swimming in each lesson so that we can maintain our health and safety protocols. We have adapted our curriculum so that students will all have the opportunity to swim this year, however this will be in a shortened 3 week rotation so that we can give all students the chance to use this facility.

Students who are swimming, will be required to arrive at school in their dry PE kit (Black shorts/jogging trousers, black Charter polo shirt, plain black jumper) and will be expected to change back into this kit at the end of the swimming session. Students are allowed to wear any colour swimming costume/shorts (no bikini's or shorts lower than the knee). If your child is more comfortable wearing any additional items for their swimming lesson, then the PE department are more than happy to accommodate this. If you have any queries about what would be suitable, please contact a member of the PE department.

In addition to smaller swimming groups, these classes will be single sex so that we can spread students out across our two changing facilities. Students will also be required to wear facemasks whilst they are in the changing rooms.

If your child is unable to participate in a swimming lesson, they will be required to show their teacher a note explaining the reasons. The expectation is that students will remain pool side, even if they are not swimming, so that they can act as a coach, or support the PE teacher running the lesson so that they have access to the swimming curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding swimming lessons at Charter Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the PE department on 02382 824204.

Yours faithfully

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