



## Bloemfontein Primary School: Swimming provision 2021-22

Swimming is an important skill and can encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. All Local Authority schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2.

Pupils have missed out on swimming provision over the last two academic years as a direct result of COVID.

The [programme of study for PE](#) sets out the expectation that pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

At Bloemfontein Primary School we historically attended swimming lessons at a small local pool and KS2 children accessed a term of lessons over the academic year. Through ongoing evaluations and assessments, it was evident that this was not having the desired impact and too many pupils were leaving school lacking confidence and having not yet mastered the swimming strokes.

In September 2021, the school worked alongside the other schools in the Stanley Learning Partnership trust to provide swimming lessons in a local pool using SLP minibus provision to transport pupils. The children are split into smaller groups for more focused sessions.

In order to enable an element of 'catch up' the swimming timetable is as follows:

Term	Year group/focus
Autumn 1	Year 6
Autumn 2	Year 6
Spring 1	Year 4
Spring 2	Year 4
Summer 1	Year 5
Summer 2	Year 6 pupils who have not met the above 3 targets and need additional focused sessions

Pupils will be assessed on an ongoing basis by qualified instructors and this data feedback to school staff.