

2021-22 Swimming Report

Standards

By the end of key stage two, children are expected to be able to swim 25m confidently and efficiently using a range of strokes such as front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke and perform self-safe rescue.

This year our year 4 and 5 children all received swimming.

Results

From the year 5 cohort, 20/75 children were able to meet the expected end of KS2 standard. This results in 26%. From the Year 4 cohort 15/77 children were able to meet the expected end of KS2 standard. This results in 19%. As these results were low, we spoke with the Xcel Leisure Centre to clarify them as some parents shared that their children have received the 25 m badges from other lessons. The Xcel explained that the badges given in lessons are awarded at age related stages as they move up the stages rather than skill specific. Additionally, the expectations of performing a range of strokes at 25 metres as part of the National Curriculum standards is additional to what is required from swimming lesson badges. However, there were discrepancies with the data we were given compared to the badges children were awarded.

Year 6- Data was gathered from the Year 6 parents to identify which children cannot currently meet the standard and these children were put forward for the top up sessions in the Summer Term. 30 children attended the top up sessions in the summer term 2. 5/30 are now able to meet the standards which as whole year group totals 50/75. Of the 25 that have not met the standard 1 missed 3 lessons and 6 children were identified by staff as children whom we felt should have met the standard. 2 of the 25 are working within the non-swimmer badge 1 category.

Next Steps

As a result, we have decided to move away from the Xcel as our swimming provision and next year we will be using a mobile pool on the school site from Elite sports. This will mean no transport costs will be required. The pool will be at school for 3 full weeks to allow for year 3 and 4 and year 6 top ups to take place. The ratio of swimming teachers to pupils will be substantially lower at 12-1 and we will have flexibility with which children swim for additional sessions and for how long the sessions are.