

Swimming Team Selection Information

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL PARENTS

The children in Year 3, 4 5 and 6 will be timed for 1 length over 2 weeks at the start of each term. The fastest 12-16 children in each year are invited to join the Swimming Team. We will be using front crawl to measure this. The children will be starting in the water and not diving in.

Children are added in the Easter and Summer Terms when they have demonstrated improvement. They are continuously assessed throughout the year and times are monitored carefully.

There are 50+ children in each year so it is important to know that will be hard to get into the top 14-18 swimmers. If your child is not selected it does not mean they are not a good swimmer.

- I will ensure the children are timed accurately.
- If they have a “bad” swim then they will be given the opportunity to try again.
- Where the front crawl times are too close to separate, I will take into account backstroke and breaststroke speeds. I will also take into account backstroke or breaststroke speed if a child excels in either of these strokes.

Children can get very “worried” about getting into the team. Please let me know. I will do my very best to support them. Try to encourage your child but without expectation or pressure for them to make the team.

The Swim Team selection will be sent out via email, team sheets on notice boards and a letter home. If your child is unsuccessful you will not receive an email or a letter, but you are welcome to contact me. If I am aware a child may be upset I will speak to them and explain the process.

If your child is chosen please can you congratulate them but also make them aware that many children may be disappointed. Once they are in the team they stay in the team for the whole academic year. We add children in but do NOT take a child out.

Thank you for your support. If you wish to speak to me about this I am very happy to do so.

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