

Swimming Statement 2020/2021

At Whitby Heath Primary School we offer a high-quality Physical Education curriculum which inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically demanding activities. We provide opportunities for pupils to become confident in a way which supports both their physical and mental health and fitness.

As a school, we provide swimming instruction for one full term in Years 4, 5 and 6. Children are split into ability groups to ensure high-quality and relevant teaching.

Unfortunately due to Covid 19 swimming was not able to take place during Autumn and Spring Terms. We therefore prioritised Year 6 in Summer Term.

The pupils are taught to:

- ✓ Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- ✓ Use a range of strokes effectively (e.g. front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- ✓ Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

As a school, we keep a swimming matrix of all children in Key Stage 2 to track children's progress towards achieving the above bullet points.

Any children who have not achieved all three of these aims access 'Top Up Swim' sessions in Year 6 through our Ellesmere Port SSP. These daily sessions take place during Summer term and provide an intensive programme aiming that all children meet these National Curriculum requirements for swimming by the end of Year 6.

Unfortunately the top up swimming sessions were unable to take place this year due to Covid 19.

At the end of the 2020 -2021 academic year of our **53** children in Year 6, **46** children met all of the statutory requirements (**87%**)