



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 66 / 2017 (Primary 3 students only)

Through the Principal

Dear Parents,

Primary 3 SwimSafer Programme 2017 Information

The school is conducting a SwimSafer programme to achieve the following objectives:

1. To enable students to understand the importance of water safety.
2. To train students in basic swimming techniques.
3. To prepare students for personal water survival skills.
4. To enable students to develop independence in the water.

The ability to swim with confidence is a very important life skill for our children. We look forward to your support and cooperation in making this programme a good learning experience for your child.

Only **SwimSafer Elementary Stage 1** certification/training will be conducted. Students must fulfill the following conditions to be exempted from the SwimSafer programme:

1. Students with SwimSafer stage 1 or equivalent or higher level swimming certification eg Swimsafer stage 2 and above.
2. Students who are currently taking swimming lessons conducted by another approved swimming school/club/provider.
3. Students who are not able to participate in swimming lessons due to medical reasons.

You have to present documents of your training involvement, certificates or medical reasons to your form teachers to be exempted from this programme.

The Primary 3 SwimSafer Programme will start with effect from **Monday, 31 July 2017** and **Tuesday, 11 July 2017** for participants of Group 1 and Group 2 respectively. **All lessons** will be conducted at **Safra Yishun Swimming Pool or Yishun Swimming Complex (To be confirmed)** on **Mondays and Tuesdays** for 6 sessions each group.

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Please refer to the schedule below for the programme:

| Day | Reporting Time/Venue | Actual Lesson Time | Dismissal Time/Venue | Classes |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Monday | 2 pm School Canteen | 2.15pm – 4.15 pm | 4.30 pm Gate B | To be confirmed |
| Tuesday | | 2.15pm – 4.15 pm | | |

The dates for the 6-week swimming lessons are as follows:

| Group (Day/Classes) | Venue | Sessions | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Group 1 (Monday) | Safra Yishun Swimming Pool or Yishun Swimming Complex | 31/7 | 7/8 | 14/8 | 21/8 | 28/8 | 11/9 |
| Group 2 (Tuesday) | | 11/7 | 25/7 | 1/8 | 15/8 | 22/8 | 12/9 |

Additional details will be provided for the SwimSafer Programme participants when the allocation of groups is finalised.

The school will try to accommodate if the students cannot attend on the day allocated for his/her class swimming sessions, the form teacher must be informed of the reason/request for the swapping of training days.

The swimming participants will be assembling outside their classrooms by 1.30 pm so that they can consume their lunch in the canteen during the days they are attending swimming lessons. They are not allowed to be out of school before 1.45 pm.

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Thank You

Mr Tan Kay Chye Wilson
Primary 3 SwimSafer Programme Coordinator

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- The P3 SwimSafer Programme will start with effect from **Monday, 3 August 2015** and **Tuesday, 4 August 2015** for participants of Group 1 and Group 2 respectively. **All lessons** will be conducted at **Safra Yishun Swimming Pool** on **Mondays and Tuesdays** for 6 sessions each group. Please refer to the schedule below for the programme:

| Day | Reporting Time/Venue | Actual Lesson Time | Dismissal Time/Venue | Classes |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Monday | 1.55pm School Canteen | 2.15pm – 4.15 pm | 4.30 pm Gate B | 3C, 3F, 3G |
| Tuesday | | 2.15pm – 4.15 pm | | 3A, 3B, 3D, 3E |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Group 1 (Mon) (3C, 3F, 3G) | Safra Yishun Swimming Pool | 3/8 | 17/8 | 24/8 | 31/8 | 14/9 | 21/9 |
| Group 2 (Tues) (3A, 3B, 3D, 3E) | | 4/8 | 11/8 | 18/8 | 25/8 | 1/9 | 15/9 |

Please ensure that your child is not involved in any other school events/activities on the dates mentioned above.



3. We have made arrangements to take the students to **Safra Yishun Swimming Pool** and back to school for all participants. All students participating in the Swimming Programme are to assemble in the **school canteen** by **1.55 pm**.

Aesthetics



4. We would advise your child to bring adequate drinking water and a light snack as well as a change of clothes. All students participating in the Swimming Programme are to wear their **swimming attire** beneath their PE/House T-shirts and PE shorts before they assemble in the canteen.



5. For students taking **school transport** home after the swimming lesson, they are to assemble at **Lobby 1 (bus waiting area)** by **4.30 pm**. The bus arrangement is only available to students who are taking the school buses every morning. The trips are payable through their EZ link cards. The locations and costs are reflected in the table below. It is recommended that you make the necessary arrangement to pick your child up after their swimming sessions instead of taking the school bus.



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| Locations | Cost |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Yishun | \$2.50 |
| Sembawang / Yio Chu Kang | \$3.00 |
| Woodlands | \$3.50 |

For the other students, we believe that you will make the necessary arrangements (to send) and pick your child up for/from his/her lesson. (Please be punctual)

6. The ability to swim with confidence is a very important life skill for our children. We look forward to your support and cooperation in making this programme a good learning experience for your child.

Safety Considerations:

- **Avoid heavy meals** 2-3 hours before your swimming session.
- Students should be in **School/P.E. attire**. Shoes with worn out soles are not safe.

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- Students should not attend swimming sessions if they are not feeling well or suffering from acute infection (eg. viral influenza, chest infection) or physical injury. (Must be supported by MC)
- Students who have just recovered from any illness have to report their conditions to the teachers-in-charge.
- Take care of yourself and others especially in the pool.

Attendance for all swimming sessions is **compulsory**. Absence in swimming sessions must be accompanied by letters from parents or medical certificates.

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