

Leftwich Community Primary School



Swimming Policy

Rationale

- Stay safe in and around water
- To enjoy a healthy lifestyle
- Participate in a wider range of physical activities
- Enjoy and achieve high standards in Physical Education

Guidelines

- We use Sir John Deanes Swimming pool for lessons.
- The children are accompanied by a teacher and a classroom assistant.
- Staff attending from LCPS will have received 'Swimming Module One' training, as per Cheshire West County Council guidelines.
- Children are instructed in groups according to ability. They are taught by LCPS staff and a qualified swimming teacher from Sir John Deanes College.
- Children are expected to be dressed appropriately. Girls should wear a one piece costume; boys should wear fitted swimming trunks. Swimming caps should also be worn.
- No child is forced to do anything in swimming lessons. They are, however, encouraged to extend their capabilities and skills by engaging in activities that stretch their confidence and involve a calculated risk.
- Children are expected to be ambassadors for the school regarding their behaviour.
- Year 3 swim throughout the full academic year. .
- Year 2 swim for 2 terms (Autumn and Summer)
- Year 4 swim for 1 term (Spring)
- We aim for all children to be able to swim 25m before they finish Primary School. Where funds permit, we will add additional booster sessions for Year 5 and 6 pupils that have not met the 25m target.
- It is not always possible to supervise pupils in the changing room at all times. Children are reminded to behave safely and appropriately in the changing rooms. On occasion the changing room may be shared by other schools.
- At the discretion of the swimming teacher, adults may be deployed to support/enhance learning from within the pool. In this instance, the adult will wear a t-shirt over their costume.

- In the interests of health and safety, children that are not listening/co-operating with the instruction from the swimming instructor will be asked to get out of the pool for a period of time out.
- All children are expected to swim. It is a legal requirement from the National Curriculum for England and Wales. Not being able to swim, or not wanting to swim is not a valid reason for non-participation.
- Exclusion from a swimming session on medical grounds must be supported by a doctor's note.
- Any child that has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea must not be in school, or swim, until they have had 48 hours symptom free.
- Children will be assessed at the end of each swimming term they complete. Certificates will be awarded showing the level that they have reached, or a certificate of merit will be awarded to those who are progressing towards their next level.
- Swimming is a skill that requires practise. We strongly recommend that parents and guardians provide opportunities for their child to practice the skills being taught in school, outside of the school curriculum.

Equal Opportunities

- Children with a specific dress code for cultural or religious reasons will be allowed to wear leggings under their swimsuit.
- We will do our best to support any child with a disability or additional educational need, to participate in swimming, by providing additional support as required.
- Children who are unable to participate due to medical needs during one year, may be able to join another class for swimming in another year.
- All children, including those with special needs, are expected to behave well and with responsibility for their own and others' safety. This includes the short coach journey, to and from, Sir John Deanes College and in the changing rooms. Health and Safety is important and children who put themselves and/or others at risk may be stopped from participating in lessons.
- Children who persistently put the learning or health and safety of themselves or others at risk may be stopped from swimming with school.

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