



Lady Boswell's C.E. (Aided) Primary School

*Learning Together, Learning
for Life*

SWIMMING POLICY

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We value every member of our community as a unique child of God and seek to demonstrate His love through our words and actions. We enable every child to achieve their full potential so that they leave us with their heads inspired and their hearts enriched.

As a result, our children will:

Develop a positive sense of self and well-being; confident to make the right choices and keep themselves safe in an ever-changing society

Strive for academic excellence, developing a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning

Become effective communicators, collaborators and leaders

Be resilient, resourceful and courageous

Be curious, creative individuals and confident problem solvers

Grow in spiritual awareness and develop a strong moral compass and a deepening understanding of the Christian faith in a multi-faith British society

Become responsible and tolerant global citizens who value diversity, forgive readily, and have concern for the needs of each other, the school, the wider community, and the planet.

SWIMMING POLICY

Why we provide swimming lessons at Lady Boswell's Primary School

To meet the requirements of the National Curriculum; All schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2. In particular pupils should be taught to:

- ❖ Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- ❖ Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)
- ❖ Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations
- ❖ To develop the personal and social development of children and their health and well-being;
- ❖ To promote a valuable life skill

How we will organise swimming at Lady Boswell's Primary School

- ❖ Swimming is time tabled all year round for KS2 pupils.
- ❖ Swimming lessons last approximately 30 minutes and count as one of the classes' weekly PE lessons.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The school has a responsibility to:-

- ❖ Ensure that the swimming teachers are appropriately qualified in the aspects being taught.
- ❖ Ensure that the programme is appropriate to the needs of the pupils and the school.
- ❖ Ensure that employees receive any necessary training to carry out their delegated tasks.

THE ROLE OF THE MEMBER OF STAFF IN CHARGE:

- ❖ Ensure the welfare of children in the changing rooms;
- ❖ Overall maintenance of good discipline;
- ❖ Counting children into and out of the building and recording these numbers so that they are visible;
- ❖ Marking the attendance register;
- ❖ Ensuring the water safety of all children and maintain a safe working environment;
- ❖ Confirm attendance levels and any relevant medical information with the swimming instructors
- ❖ Make arrangements to be made about the provision for children with special needs and confirm risk assessment;
- ❖ Adhere to health and safety requirements;

The role of PE subject leader:

- ❖ To undertake a risk assessment of the school's swimming provision (including transportation to and from the pool) and monitor its implementation;
- ❖ To ensure that the law relating to SEND is followed whereby schools take all reasonable steps to avoid discriminating against pupils on the grounds of their disability.
- ❖ To maintain and keep a record of the pupils swimming achievements.
- ❖ Ensure the recommended teacher ratios are adhered to.

THE SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR WILL:

- ❖ Possess DBS clearance
- ❖ Have full ASA Teachers Award or an STA equivalent as well as a life-saving award recognised by Health and Safety Unit.
- ❖ Possess a relevant First Aid certificate.
- ❖ Make sure all the children and teachers know safety drills.
- ❖ Have all equipment ready and in the correct place in the teaching area.
- ❖ Consult with the accompanying teacher and agree arrangements to be made about the provision for children with special needs and confirm risk assessment.
- ❖ Ensure children know the procedure for the start/end of the lesson, their grouping and assigned area of the pool and teacher.
- ❖ To assess and record pupil progress.
- ❖ Organise groups according to:
 - Class numbers
 - Pupil ability
 - Numbers of teachers/adult helpers

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is essential that schools take note of and comply with 'Safe Practice in Physical Education' (BAALPE (British Association of Advisors and Lecturers in Physical Education)) which provides detailed, authoritative guidance in safety and issues, including safety in swimming lessons and the DfE guidance on educational visits.

The duty of care for all pupils remains, at all times, with the accompanying teacher (BAALPE Safe Practice in Physical Education)

All staff involved with swimming provision will have read the relevant BAALPE documentation. (See Appendix 2)

BEHAVIOUR

The swimming pool is a place of work and should be treated as a classroom with the same rules regarding behaviour.

ATTENDANCE

All parents must ensure that their children attend all allocated lessons. As swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum, parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from this element, unless the child has an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan). Older children are encouraged to be independent in terms of organising their swimming kits. Children who forget their swimming kits or cannot participate in the lesson for any reason will be required to attend and observe the lessons from the side of the pool. This is in line with the delivery of other aspects of the PE curriculum. Parents of children returning from an illness that would prevent them from swimming for a short period of time must provide the school with medical evidence of the illness in order that they may be excused from the lesson. Should a child not be able to swim for an extended period of time, a doctor's letter must be provided.

SWIMMING KIT

Girls should wear a one-piece burgundy swimsuit and boys should wear burgundy swimming trunks (not baggy board shorts). Provision must be made for alternative attire for minority ethnic pupils when a request is made. All children must wear a school swimming hat at all times in the pool (unless there is a reasonable adjustment for SEN children due to sensory needs). This is purchasable from the school office for a small fee. This is part of the leisure centre's Health and Safety policy.

SWIM SQUAD

As part of our provision for more able children we run a before school club for talented swimmers. This is run by qualified instructors and is by invitation only. Children are given the opportunity to trial for the squad once a year.

SEND/ Pupil Premium

We have links with a local specialist school and have arranged for some children on our SEND register to access swimming lessons in their therapeutic pool. Where appropriate PP funds may be used to fund the swimming lessons as part of the school's core swimming provision.

FUNDING SWIMMING.

Parents are asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional swimming provision beyond the National Curriculum expectations, in line with our Charging and Remissions Policies.

Appendix 1

<https://healthyschoolscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ASA-School-swimming-guide.pdf>