



COVID – 19

Policy Statement

Community Learn to Swim Programme

Great Chart Pool

We want to assure you that the school is doing everything possible to minimize the risk from Coronavirus Covid-19 for its teachers and customers. The Following specific procedures will be put in place. More detail can be found in the Schools Risk Assessment and Normal Operating Procedure and Emergency Operational Procedure for Covid –19.

We are following the guidance from <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/> who are the industry body within the UK, as well as following the schools own guidance to ensure that the swimming lessons are as enjoyable and safe as possible.

- A virtual walk through will be on the school website for school's teachers, all swimmers and parents attending lessons so they understand how to enter and leave the swimming pool.
- The staff will be briefed on the updated RA and NOP/EOP
- Staff must wear masks and visors or just masks in the swimming pool reception area, changing rooms and on poolside
- Once the lesson begins the staff have the option to teach with or without a
- The staff are aware of the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) recommendations for dealing with an emergency on poolside and provided with the correct PPE to deal with the emergency. Any school medical advice will also need to be adhered to.
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=d9dff068-014e-4118-92b2-563a352252d9>
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- Please do not come to your lessons if you, or anyone in your household have any signs of Coronavirus COVID-19 Symptoms (see gov.uk for guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>). Those who are at high risk or shielding should always follow the medical guidance issued to them.
- The swimmers will meet outside the swimming pool entrance at designated social distancing points and will be allowed into the swimming pool 5 minutes before the start of the lessons. Please see Diagram 1
- Ashford School reserves the right to refuse entry to the swimming pool if a swimmer is late for the lesson.
- Only one parent/carer to accompany/supervise their child during swimming lessons and they must spectate from an allocated seat around the poolside. Please see the Diagram 1.



- For Swim Academy sessions it is preferred that there are no spectators allowed due to numbers in the session
- Spectators will be expected to wear masks when entering the swimming pool building, including changing rooms, reception area and on poolside. The same guidance for mask wearing is applied as it is for when wearing masks in shops.
- Please respect social distancing guidelines. You must remain seated once placed there by our lead to ensure we adhere to all social distancing guidance.
- Poolside showers are out of use.
- Parents will keep the children's clothes and towel with them, using a basket provided, which will be placed by their allocated chair.
- Swimmers are to arrive swim ready.
- The changing rooms will be open but it is preferred that swimmers go home wet.
- Please adhere to the one-way movement throughout the swimming pool area.
- Instructors will deliver lesson from poolside to support current social distancing guidance
- The maximum number of swimmers in the swimming pool at one time will be 20
- Parent/carer will need to be in the water with the swimmer for Discovery Duckling, Duckling (1 to 4) and Stage 1,
- The following lessons will be taught during the Crash Courses in the following way:
 - Stage 1: 5 in class with parents in the water
 - Stage 2: 4 in a class
 - Stage 3: 4 in a class
 - Stage 4-6: 5 in a class
 - Swim Academy: 5 in a Lane
- Swimmers must bring their own goggles. Spare goggles will no longer be available to borrow
- We recommend and encourage swimmers wear swimming hats. If no hat – long hair must be tied back.
- Equipment will be available for lessons which must be completely submerged in pool water at the beginning and end of lesson, in order to sanitise it. We encourage swimmers to bring their own float and noodle.

ENTRY TO THE SWIMMING POOL

- Entrance to the swimming pool will be via the entrance to the pool from the Car Park. Please see Diagram 1
- All doors in the swimming pool will be propped open to avoid personal contact
- The Fire Exit at the back of the swimming pool will be kept open during the swimming lessons to improve ventilation.
- The pool covering whenever possible must be open to improve ventilation.
- A hand gel is available at the entrance of the swimming pool and should be used on entry to the swimming pool.



- The swimmers will go straight to the poolside to their designated lane or place. The swimmer will have their costume already on.
- The swimmer will enter the water for the session on guidance from the teacher

DURING THE SESSION

- The swimmers will be given a designated stopping and starting point during the lesson.
- The teacher will ensure that where possible they remain 2m away and no closer than 1m from the swimmer during the lesson.
- Swimmers are encouraged not to cross over into another lesson or to move towards another swimmer in the lesson.
- Swimmers are expected to swim in the correct direction for your lane or your area as directed by the teacher
- When stopping swimmers must breathe away from any fellow swimmers and when passing while lane swimming please breath to the opposite side.
- Ideally, the swimmer will not need to use the toilet, if they do then the disabled toilet will be the first choice toilet and sanitation sprays and paper rolls will be left for the swimmer/parent to clean the area that they used and placed in the waste basket.
- Parents of children aged 7 and above can if they prefer to wait in the Car Park during the session.
- Swim Academy parents where possible are to wait in the Car Park during the session due to numbers in the session.
- The poolside showers will not be in use during the swimming lessons.
- If the swimmer feels ill or is upset, then the Lead Teacher will be alerted and the swimmer will be assessed and if able to walk, escorted to their parents following the one-way system around the swimming pool. The parents will not be able to sit on poolside next to the lesson.

EXITING THE POOL

- At the end of the session the swimmer will put their equipment under the water and place the equipment in a designated place as directed by the teacher. They will not go to the changing rooms to shower or get changed but go home wet and shower at home.
- The swimmers under direction of their teachers will exit the pool using the one way system indicated by the Lead Swimming Teachers, walking socially distancing along the side of the pool to the exit, using the markers on poolside.
- It is important to remember that parents and swimmers cannot wander around the site at any stage of the evening as it is a school and we must respect the pupils in attendance.
- It is preferred that swimmers go home wet where possible, however, if the swimmers need to change the swimmers will be directed to the changing rooms.
- Swimmers using the changing rooms will take their clothes into the changing rooms using their allocated basket and must socially distance in the changing rooms.



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- The Changing Rooms will only be Open for 15 minutes after the last lesson as this allows staff to clean properly at the end of the day.
- Please exit the poolside area as quickly as possible at the end of the session to allow for the session changeover.

We thank you for your cooperation re adhering to the guidance. These policies will be reviewed on 17th May or as guidance changes to allow the school to adapt and update procedures as the need arises.