

Learn to Swim Programme Newsletter

November 2021



It has been lovely to restart the Autumn Term with a full programme of activities and to be able to welcome spectators back onto poolside in a more relaxed way. We are still respecting people's concerns re Covid and are ensuring that face masks and hand sanitiser is still available for all staff and customers. It has been lovely to see children's smiley faces and hear the conversation as they catch up with each other at the swimming pool.

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We would like to give a warm welcome to Leon Santer and Lucy Howes who joined our team in September, both come from a competitive swimming background and are proving to be wonderful additions to our team.

L Lead Teachers

We are delighted to introduce our Lead Teachers to you. These teachers are in charge of their designated evening and will be your first port of contact should you have any queries or comments regarding your classes. Our Lead Teachers offer a support to our swimmers, teachers and parents. Please note any absence messages or requests for changes of class times will need to be emailed to Swim@Ashfordschool.co.uk



Emma Ford- Lead Monday, Tuesday, Saturday & Lead for our Internal Programme.



Erin Bass- Lead Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Lead for our external Primary School Programme & Lead for our Coaching Programme.



Lynne Oliver- Lead Wednesday and Sunday & Lead and Coordinator for Crash Courses



Gwen Collins- Lead for our Adult and Child and Preschool Programme

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- **Monday 15 November** -Deadline for change of day requests or to let us know if you will not return next term
- **Monday 29 November** – Reports Issued
- **Monday 29- Friday 03 December**- Priority reenrolments for existing swimmers
- **Sunday 12 December**- Last day of term

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Now restrictions have eased for us, and we have resumed our normal length terms, we are issuing reports at the end of the term once more.

Your child will be marked against the criteria for their Stage with our grades being numbered 1-5;

5- Child consistently achieves criteria every time without feedback

4- Child achieves criteria 75% of the time, feedback occasionally needed to correct technique

3- Child sometimes achieves criteria, feedback needed to correct technique

2- Child can only achieve criteria with support or when the skill is broken down

1- Child has attempted criteria

Please do remember that during the past year, with the various lockdowns imposed, some children have found regaining stamina and technique has taken a little while. Please therefore do not compare their current reports to those areas achieved prior to Covid-19 especially with some of our swimmers not being able to attend lessons for a year.

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- If you have any queries about your child's lesson, please speak to the Lead Teacher who is poolside at your lesson.
- It is very important to us that we accommodate all needs. Please do let us know if there are any medical conditions or learning needs that we are not yet aware of.
- We would like to ensure all your details are up to date on our system. Please get in touch with us if you have changed your address or any contact details.
- Our Term Time Office opening hours:
 - Phone Lines open Monday & Thursday 9.30am–2.00pm
 - Emails checked Monday- Friday 9.30am-2.00pm

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- Please note we have a no photo and video policy in and around the pool area, our staff reserve the right to request to check phones and tablets if they believe this policy has not been adhered to.
- Please avoid consuming food on poolside or in the changing rooms to ensure hygiene standards.
- To help us keep our poolside clean during the rainy and muddy season, please do remember we have now returned to our no outdoor shoes poolside policy. Please do take a pair of shoe covers and keep them in your swim bag to reuse in future weeks, this helps keep our poolside clean and hygienic.
- If your child has completed their Stage and would like to receive a badge and certificate, please email swim@ashfordschool.co.uk due to the number of certificates and badges not collected in previous years, we are hoping to reduce waste.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Term Dates: Monday 13 September- Sunday 12 December
Half Term Break: Monday 25 October – Sunday 31 October
Crash Courses: *Monday 25 October- Friday 29 October*
Re-Enrolments: Monday 29 November- Friday 03 December

Spring Term 2022

Term Dates: Monday 10 January- Sunday 03 April
Half Term Break: Monday 13 February – Sunday 21 February
Crash Courses: TBC
Re-Enrolments: Monday 21 March- Friday 25 March

For more information on any of our lessons and activities please contact the Ashford School Swim Team on swim@ashfordschool.co.uk

