



Eveswell and Somerton Primary School

Swimming Policy

September 2023

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Swimming is an important life skill. In addition, it is a highly beneficial activity for acquiring an increased movement vocabulary and skills, for health, for enjoyment and as a threshold skill, giving access to many other water-based recreational activities. It is one of the few activities that people can enjoy all their life either on their own or with friends and family of the same or different ages, whether just for fun or competitively. We owe it to our youngsters to give them the best chance to learn to swim, as well and as early as possible.

OVERALL COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

Newport City Council has responsibility for ensuring safety in swimming in schools where it is the employer. As part of this responsibility the County Council provides the safety policy, guidance and procedures for swimming, and ensures that its employees receive any necessary training to carry out their delegated tasks.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

- children are appropriately supervised when changing
- pupils are under control at all times
- a headcount is taken before, during and after sessions
- normal and emergency procedures are enforced
- teachers (and teaching assistants) have an overview of the teaching of their children and the conduct of the class.
- will complete a risk assessment for travelling

SUPERVISION OF CHANGING ROOMS

Children should be supervised whilst changing:

- if children are using a mixed sex changing area with cubicles then a member of staff of either gender may supervise.
- in single sex changing rooms, the Teaching Staff will supervise children of opposite sex

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL

The children are taught by instructors provided by Newport Live as well as suitably qualified teaching staff and are their responsibility whilst the lesson is in progress, both in and out of the pool. The children follow all pool rules as instructed by their instructor and/

or the school staff. Both are present at all times in the pool area, school staff are present at all time.

School staff are poolside wearing appropriate footwear or in bare feet.

Any accidents which happen at the poolside or in the pool are dealt with by the pool first aiders.

Any other incidents are dealt with by our school staff and are reported to the teacher and/or head teacher on return to school.

Accident forms are completed as appropriate.

The children are given the opportunity to attain relevant ASA swim badges at the completion of every other school term (Christmas, Easter, Summer). These are celebrated in whole school celebration assemblies.

In an emergency situation while at Newport International Sports Village we follow the procedures as instructed by the pool staff, for evacuation etc.

All pool staff, school staff and parent helpers taken by the school are DBS checked.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Risk Assessment for travelling completed each school year and copies are held by the school travel coordinator.

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