



Leftwich Community Primary School Swimming Policy

- We use Sir John Deane's Swimming Pool for swimming lessons.
- The children are accompanied by a teacher and are taught by qualified swimming instructors.
- Children are instructed in groups according to ability
- No child is forced to do anything in swimming lessons. They are, however, encouraged to extend their abilities and skills by engaging in activities which stretch their confidence and involve a calculated risk.
- Curriculum swimming at LCPS is undertaken in the following way:
 - Year 2 swim for the Summer 2 term
 - Year 4 swim for the Spring 1 term.
 - Year 3 swim for Autumn 1 and 2 terms, Spring 2 term and Summer 1 term.
- It is not always possible to directly supervise children in changing rooms. Children will be reminded each session of their responsibility to behave appropriately and safely in the changing rooms, which on occasions are shared with other schools.
- For less able or confident swimmers it is often more effective for an adult to be in the water with the children. This is at the discretion of the swimming teacher. All adults in the water wear a T shirt.
- Swimming is a compulsory requirement of the National curriculum. All children are expected to participate in swimming lessons. Not being able to swim or not wanting to swim are not valid reasons for non-participation.
- Year 6 may be offered booster sessions in addition to our curriculum provision if they have not met the National Curriculum objectives.
- **Children should wear a one piece bathing costume or swimming trunks. Bermuda style shorts are not appropriate.**
- **Goggles are not permitted unless they are prescription goggles and the appropriate forms are filled in as required by Sir John Deans swimming pool.**
- **Swimming hats are highly recommended.**

Equal Opportunities

- Children with a specific dress code for cultural or religious reasons should be allowed to wear leggings under their swimsuit.
- We would do our best to support any child with a disability or additional educational need, in participating in swimming by providing additional support as required.

- As we swim for three years, children with medical needs who are unable to participate one year, may have opportunities to learn in subsequent years.
- All children, including those with Special Needs, are expected to behave well and with responsibility for their own and others' safety. This includes during the short coach journey to and from the baths and in the changing rooms. Health and Safety is important and children who put themselves or other children 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 could be stopped from swimming in school.

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