



## **Admission Policy – Programmed Swimming**

Swimming lessons conducted by a teacher employed by the school or LEA

- No more than 28 people in the pool at any one time.
- Poolside Rules identifying behaviour standards and Poolside Safety Notices must be adhered to at all times.
- Duty of care during school swimming sessions must at all times remain the responsibility of the school/pre-school representative. In relation to swimming this means:
  - Appropriate supervision of children when changing
  - Control of pupils at all times
  - Head counts are taken prior to and after every session
  - Normal and emergency procedures are enforced
  - Overall observation of the teaching of their children and the conduct of the class
  - Because of the special knowledge and understanding they have of their pupils, primary school teachers should accompany their own class to swimming whenever possible.
- Irrespective of pool size and maximum bather capacity ratio (28) there must always be a supervisor present on the poolside alongside the swimming teacher, one of which must be responsible for lifesaving. The supervisors will be required to be able to effectively carry out emergency procedures.
- Where teaching and coaching of swimming is taking place, the swimming teacher/coach may provide lifeguard/lifesaver cover, if they hold appropriate teacher/coach lifesaving competencies and are working within the limitations of their public liability insurance and professional standards.
- The school has a responsibility to ensure that the swimming teacher is appropriately qualified in the aspects being taught. They must ensure that the programme is appropriate to the needs of the pupils and the school.
- All spectator infants (8 years and under) and non-swimming juniors, MUST wear armbands or other buoyancy aid complying with EN BS 13138 or have an ASA/ISRM swim award when not actively taking part in swimming lessons and MUST be closely supervised whilst on the pool site.

Above guidance from 'The ASA Guidance for School Swimming'  
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