

Dear Parent/Carer

As school swimming officer I am responsible for the organisation and delivery of your child's school swimming lessons.

These are very unusual and uncertain times and whilst I am looking forward to seeing the children of our City back in the swimming pool, I do understand that as a parent you may have some concerns. I would like to provide you with some information regarding the measures put in place to ensure the school swimming lessons are COVID safe, following both government and Swim England guidance.

The programme is split into 3 sections;

Facility / changing

Lessons

Transport

Each area has been looked at in depth and assessed to ensure guidelines are in place. Below are some of the measures that have been put in place for each area

Facility/ changing

Reduced number of lessons in all facilities

Only one bubble in the building at a time

Gaps in between bubbles leaving and arriving so no cross over of different schools

Allocated changing areas and toilet facilities

All changing areas cleaned in line with the guidance after use before a new bubble is allowed to enter

Different entrances and one way systems in place

Hand sanitiser at the entrances to all buildings

Lessons

Throughout the duration of the lesson swimming teachers will remain socially distanced from the all children

Swimming teachers allocated pool areas to ensure no moving around and cross over

Swimming teachers are allocated their own equipment which is cleaned at the end of each lesson

Teaching areas are cleaned at the end of each lesson

Restrictions on the age of the children attending

Transport

This is only applicable if your child school uses the transport provided by us. Any school arranging their own transport will have their own procedures in place.

There is a procedure in place with the transport companies to ensure that they are COVID safe. This includes a dedicated vehicle for your child's bubble

Vehicle will only be used by your child's bubble until they have been returned to school at which point the bus will be cleaned before any other journey takes place.

Track and trace is in place.

Swimming is something that I am very passionate about and believe that every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim and we have taken every step to ensure your child is able to enjoy swimming. I hope that this information reassures you that everyone's safety is our priority in these very unsettling times.

Kind Regards

Niki Horton

School Swimming Officer