

Monmouthshire County Council **School Swimming Guidelines**

- Maximum number of children attending the pool must not exceed 36
- School staff must sign in with pupil numbers at the beginning of each session. A register of **children attending must be provided to the swimming teacher on poolside at the first swimming lesson.**
- Please make sure the pupils remove ALL jewellery **before** leaving the school
- All children must wear sensible and appropriate swimwear:
 - For Boys – Preferably lycra brief trunks, swim shorts, if worn, must be above the knee **NO** long board shorts.
 - For Girls - Full costume, **NO** bikinis
- Long hair must be tied back. Preferably all children should wear swimming caps.
- Pupils may wear goggles but NOT masks.
- All pupils must shower and use toilets before entering the pool.
- All pupils and staff will receive instruction on general safety, hygiene, discipline and emergency evacuation procedures.
- School groups must remain in the changing room until called onto the poolside by the instructor.
- The swimming instructor must be informed of any pupil who may require special consideration e.g. medical conditions, injuries, illness, language barriers or special needs.
- If a child requires medication it must be clearly labelled and taken onto poolside.
- Teacher/pupils ratios must be maintained at all times.
- School teachers assisting in swimming teaching must inform the instructor of the level of swimming teaching qualification they hold at the beginning of term. School must send staff who are confident to teach swimming.
- Parent helpers that do not actively assist with lessons must wait in the spectator area.
- Schools must ensure that parents/helpers who accompany schools have undergone a CRB check. School must send enough staff to support pupil numbers in and out of the pool. School staff are responsible for supervising the pool changing rooms.
- Teacher should dress appropriately for poolside e.g. trainers/pool shoes and sports clothing.

For further information please refer to Monmouthshire County Council school swimming policy. If you have any queries regarding school swimming please contact Natalie Parfitt Swimming Development Officer via email natalieparfitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk