# RISK ASSESSMENT: **School Swimming**

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| REF NO. | SWM-RA-01 |
| RISK ASSESSMENT CATEGORY | Activities / People (School swimming) |
| LOCATION | Pool - Cheadle |
| DATE OF ASSESSMENT | 2/3/2021 | REVIEW DATE | ongoing |
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| APPROVED BY | Cathy Andrews | SIGNED |  |
| RELATED DOCUMENTS | COVID General RANOPEAPHygiene PolicySelf-Isolation PolicySocial Distancing Policy |
| NOTES | This risk assessment has been updated to include COVID-19 associated risks. Only COVID-19 specific risks have been included in this risk assessment. For all general COVID Risks, see COVID-19 General Risk Assessment. |

| RISK ASSESSMENT: School Swimming - COVID MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 1:35 | DATE: 2/3/2021LOCATION: Pool | CARRIED OUT BY: Sara DixonAPPROVED BY: Seb Rowe |
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| **HAZARD**What are the Hazards? | **RISK OF/ RISK TO**Who might be harmed and how? | **EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES**What are you already doing? | **FURTHER ACTIONS**What further action is necessary?What is the remaining level of risk? | Action by whom | Action by when | Done |
| Entry & Exit of the facility | Contamination / spread of virusPupils, school teachers, employees | * One way system for entry to the building, and exit from the building. Schools will enter through the main entrance and exit tug the fire exit.
* Hand sanitisers and hand washing facilities available
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * COVID training completed by all swimming teachers
* Provide guidelines for keeping distances
* Video of entry and exit to the facility and changing facilities.
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | March 2021 |  |
| Changing  | Contamination / spread of virusPupils, school teachers, employees | * Changing separated from other schools and groups
* Where possible children arrive in swim wear ready to swim and change in designated areas before and after the lesson.
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | * Clear communication to school teachers and pupils about where children will get changed before and after the swimming lesson
* Video of entry and exit points and changing facilities
* Risk Level: **Low**
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| Poolside | Contamination / spread of virusPupils, school teachers, employees | * There will be separate entry and exit points for swimmers and a one way system onto and off poolside to reduce clustering
* There will be gaps in between lessons for cleaning
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Clear communication to school teachers and pupils about which station children will be swimming in and entry and exit process for poolside
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | March 2021 |  |
| Swimming Pool EnvironmentPoolside | Contamination / spread of virusEmployees/School teachers | * Social distancing protocols followed at all times.
* Swimming Teachers will remain poolside & in one station for the shift, socially distanced from colleagues
* Swimming Teachers will use the same equipment for the whole shift and sanitise equipment and poolside before and after classes, including worksheets.
* All instructors hold recognised teaching qualification.
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Follow all COVID-19 guidelines
* Procedures for setting up of equipment
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | Aquatics Manager, Pool Coordinator, Duty Manager | March 2021 |  |
| During swimming lessonsEquipment | Contact – Spread of virusPublic  | * Appropriate training to achieve social distancing protocols followed at all times.
* Swimming Teachers will remain poolside & in one station for the shift, socially distanced from colleagues and swimmers
* Teaching equipment will be sanitised before and after each class
* Children will put on and remove their own equipment as advised by the swimming teacher.
* Risk Level: **Med-High** for younger swimmers
* Risk Level: **Low -Med** for swimmers with a higher understanding of travel and movement
* Risk Level: **Low** for competent swimmers
 | * Swimming Teachers to use the best position to oversee and supervise the whole group and so that participants can see and hear the teacher
* Instructor led to determine the direction of travel, control the distance and duration of any close contact
* Maximum numbers based on 6m 2

Cheadle 66* Where schools are in a school bubble maximum bather loads can be increased to reflect 3m 2
* Only 1 school to use the pool at a time.
* Management from poolside
* Equipment will remain with one swimmer for the lesson and be sanitised before and after the lesson
* Risk Level: **Med-High** for younger swimmers
* Risk Level: **Low-Med** for swimmers with a higher understanding of travel and movement
* Risk Level: **Low** for competent swimmers
 | Aquatics Manager, Pool Coordinator, Duty Manager | March 2021 |  |
| Young People taking part in the lessons may be inexperienced at swimming | Young people are at risk of drowning if not supervised, adequately instructed or without suitable equipment/apparatus | * All swimming lessons are supervised by a competent and qualified swimming teacher.
* Pool Safety Operations Procedure targets an adequate number of qualified lifeguards present
* Suitable equipment is available for young people to use to aid swimming
* Young people are provided with instruction on first visit and this is reinforced on subsequent visits and before a designated fun session. Young people are instructed of the safety rules of the fun session and to stop, look and listen to whistles.
* The swimming teacher keeps a record of swimming competency for each individual on the lesson
* At the commencement of the lesson young people are assessed for swimming competency.
* Classroom assistants in the water with special needs/disabled children.
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Continue to ensure that swimming teachers maintain a standard of qualification to carry out role appropriately.
* Ensure that all Lifeguards used are suitably qualified
* Prior to each session ensure suitable number of lifeguards are on duty
* Risk Level: **Low**
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| Overcrowding as a result of too many young people in the lesson | Young People. Large numbers in a small area may lead to collisions, drowning. | * Ratio set as 1:20 or 1:35 if the school teacher is competent to take a group.
* Children are set off in waves.
* Children do not wear goggles for fun session.
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Stay aware of updates in legislation / guidance related to numbers and ratios.
* Risk Level: **Low**
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| Unqualified / Inexperienced school teachers | Young people at risk of injury or drowning due to inadequate instruction, or lack of suitable supervision. | * Swimming teachers provide guidance to school teachers prior to commencement of lesson to confirm understanding
* Where school teachers are not comfortable, an additional swimming teacher is offered to cover the group
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Review procedure to ensure this is adequate
* Risk Level **Low**
 | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | Review July 2021 |  |
| Hygiene | Contact – Spread of virusPublic | * Facility cleaning
* Cleaning of equipment and poolside before and after each lesson
* Risk Level: **Med**
 | * Clear communication to all schools in advance.
* No sharing of equipment
* Children arrive in swim wear ready to swim to reduce the use of changing facilities
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | Aquatics Manager, Pool Coordinator, Duty Manager | Continual |  |
| Member unwell during the lesson | Contact – Spread of virusPublic | * School to contact parent/guardian
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | * Isolate individual
* Use of PPE
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | Aquatics Manager, Pool Coordinator, Duty Manager | Continual |  |
| Premises | Young People, teachers, spectators – various risks | * A centre specific risk assessment has been carried out
* Risk Level: **Low**
 | * Ensure that premises risk assessments are up-to-date and relevant to include all potential hazards
* Risk Level **Low**
 | Health & Safety Champion at each wet site | Review July 2021 |  |
| Other General Pool hazards | Young People, Teachers – various risks | * A centre specific risk assessment has been carried out
* Risk Level: **Low**
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* Risk Level **Low**
 | Health & Safety Champion at each wet site | Review July 2021 |  |