# 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 RA  NOP  EAP  Hygiene Policy  Self-Isolation Policy  Social 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: 2/3/2021  LOCATION: Pool | | CARRIED OUT BY: Sara Dixon  APPROVED 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 virus  Pupils, 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 virus  Pupils, 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** | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | March 2021 |  |
| Poolside | Contamination / spread of virus  Pupils, 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 Environment  Poolside | Contamination / spread of virus  Employees/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 lessons  Equipment | Contact – Spread of virus  Public | * 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** | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | March 2021 |  |
| 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** | Aquatics Manager/Pool Coordinators/Duty Managers | March 2021 |  |
| 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 virus  Public | * 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 virus  Public | * 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** | * Ensure that premises risk assessment is up-to-date and relevant to include all potential hazards * Risk Level **Low** | Health & Safety Champion at each wet site | Review July 2021 |  |