FAQ Swimming – September 2020

Travel

Will the children travel with their bubble?

Yes. The coach company Belle Vue have confirmed that there should be two separate journeys and coaches, however in the instance of one coach, cleaning between journeys and bubbles will be carried out.

Will the children have to wear face masks on the coach?

No, as per the Government guidelines, children under 11 are not required to wear a face covering. Of course, if your child wishes to do so, this is fine.

Will the coach be cleaned between users?

Yes, the coach will be cleaned between each user group, focusing on the sanitising of touch areas such as handrails/handles. Customers are advised to bring hand-gel if possible. Windows will be kept open to ventilate during the journey.

Each coach undergoes a deeper clean at the end of each day/in the morning before use.

All drivers have been provided with their own personal cleaning kit and must ensure cleaning of all major touch points is completed after every trip before collecting their next set of passengers. Where a cab screen is not fitted, all drivers must wear a face covering that is provided for their use by Belle Vue as a minimum. All drivers also have their own reusable face shield that can be worn as added protection in such circumstances.

For further information please see the full risk assessment for Belle Vue Coaches.

Swimming Pool

Which swimming venue will my child attend?

Lessons have been booked at Life Leisure Cheadle, as Avondale is currently closed to swimmers.

What swimming kit does my child need?

For girls: a one piece swimsuit / For boys: trunks (not baggy shorts).

Your child will also need a towel. Those with hair below chin length will need a swimming cap. Goggles are not recommended unless for medical reasons.

Will children be taught in their bubble?

Yes. There are two separate lessons booked at staggered times on the Monday morning. Swimming teachers are aware that this may mean that lessons are mixed ability but are prepared to deal with this. The pool have confirmed that there will be only one school present at any time.

Will children be able to change clothes at the venue?

Children are advised to, where possible, arrive with their swimwear under their clothes. They will be able to dry and change back into their uniforms in a designated changing area.

What precautions are the venue taking to reduce the risks for our children?

According to the risk assessment for Life Leisure Cheadle, precautions include:

- One way system for entry (main entrance) and exit (fire door) to avoid clustering and maintain social distancing. There will also be a separate entry and exit poolside
- · Safety briefing will be given by pool staff
- Hand sanitizer will be made available
- School groups will be taught in their bubbles and only one school will be permitted at the venue at a time
- Cleaning of shared and common areas to be conducted between classes and school groups
- Teacher will remain poolside, socially distanced from colleagues for the entire shift.
- Children will be required to put on and remove any equipment, as directed by the pool staff.
 All equipment used by children will be sanitized between groups

For further information please see the full risk assessment for Life Leisure.