

Goggles

"Goggles or masks should only be allowed exceptionally, when eyes may be adversely affected by the chemicals in the water. When used, these items should be made of unbreakable plastic or rubber materials. Pupils should be taught to remove them by slipping them off the head and not stretching the retaining band". – Safe Practice in Physical Education Section 18.11.2.

Masks are not allowed in any pools in Staffordshire. Goggles are generally a nuisance and the wearing of them is dissuaded. Where goggles are needed because of genuinely sensitive eyes, it is recommended that the parents/guardians are alerted to the potential risk and are asked to complete and return a form accepting that goggles may cause injury – the following wording has been accepted as suitable:

Parental Consent for Pupil's Use of Swimming Goggles

Swimming goggles, if worn or used incorrectly, have been known to cause injury to the wearer and to other swimmers. Whilst the swimming instructor will take every possible care, no guarantee can be given that the goggles will not cause an injury to the pupil.

Pupil's Name _____ School _____

I understand the problems which may be caused by my child wearing goggles during school swimming lessons. I have explained these to my son/daughter and I give permission for him/her to wear goggles.

Signed Parent/Guardian _____

