

HARWELL SCHOOL POOL – Covid19 Safe Plan. 2020

Our Covid Safe plan for Harwell School pool has been put together following guidance from the government, Swim England and other regulatory bodies. The management/admin team and teachers have undergone training to understand and implement the measures that we need to have in place during these times.

The information below will be updated as guidance changes.

Overview.

1. Harwell pool has a perspex dome cover which can be opened up to the outside air. It is our intention to open the dome whenever possible (when outside air temperature makes it a good temperature to swim). This is a positive feature during these times of covid19, as it opens up the pool to the outside air.
2. When the perspex cover is in the open position we will allow parents to observe lessons from the area adjacent to the side of the pool, provided that social distancing to current government guidelines is observed.
3. If the dome is in the closed position parents may observe from outside the perspex dome. We regret that parents are not permitted at poolside or in the changing rooms (unless it has been agreed in advance that they will be in the pool due to their child being a non swimmer).

Arrival at the pool.

1. Lessons may be staggered (depending on numbers in the pool), so that children arrive and leave on the hour, half hour and quarter hours. This would mean that there will be fewer pupils in the changing areas at any one time.
2. Pupils to be delivered to the pool entrance no more than 5 minutes before their lesson time.
3. As children arrive at the pool a member of Swim Clinic staff will take their temperature using a non invasive forehead reading method. Any child presenting with a high temperature (above 37.8c) will be excluded from lessons with no refund given.
4. Upon arrival anyone entering the pool enclosure must sanitise their hands – sanitiser will be located by the entrance door.
5. Adults are asked to scan our NHS Test & Trace QR Code Poster. Copies are displayed near the entrance to the pool. To do this you will need to download the NHS Covid-19 app.

6. We will keep a register of all attending the venue, including parents/grandparents etc who are viewing.
7. There will be a one way system within the pool area to enable social distancing.
8. Children to arrive for their lessons 'beach ready' which means that they are wearing their swim wear under their clothes.
9. Each class will be allocated a picture of a sea creature. At poolside there will be designated areas marked with pictures of the sea creature and when they arrive children will be directed to the relevant poolside area. They will remove their outer clothing and put it into their bag (that they will need to bring with them). There will be a box that children can put their bags in.
10. Within this designated area there will be social distancing – each pupil will be assigned a number to stand by whilst they wait for their lesson to start.
11. When the lesson is ready to start the teacher will call the children to get into the pool. They will enter the pool on one side and exit at the other to ensure social distancing at poolside.

Lessons.

1. Social distancing in line with Swim England's guidance. The pool will be divided into designated areas for each lesson.
2. The teacher will deliver lessons from poolside for all pupils except stage 1 beginners. Due to the raised wall around the pool our risk assessment has identified that in the event of a non water confident non swimmer getting into difficulty there would be a time delay for the teacher to enter the water to rescue. Therefore the teacher of pupils at this level of ability will, at their discretion, teach from the water wearing a perspex visor. The pool is shallow and non swimmers will be in water between 0.7m and 1m.
3. Parents may be in the water with pre school children or special needs children - but please ensure that you advise Swim Clinic in advance of your intention to do this so that we can ensure the correct number of people are in the pool to observe social distancing guidelines.
4. As the depth of Harwell pool is from just under 0.7 metre to 1 metre and most children can stand up safely, we anticipate that the teacher being in the water and parents accompanying their child in the water will not be needed as much as in other pools we use.

5. The ratios applied for social distancing within the pool will be as per Government and Swim England's guidance.
6. Teachers and other staff are not permitted to help children with hats and goggles so please either teach them how to do these themselves or enter the pool area with them already in place.

Exiting the pool and changing.

1. At the end of their lesson pupils will be directed to their allocated changing rooms which will be split between male and female, unless there is a session where all pupils are of one gender, in which case they will be split between the 2 changing rooms.
2. Pupils will be expected to dress themselves. If you feel that your child is unable to do this you may prefer to send them with a hooded towel to put over their wet costume at the end of their lesson and either take them home or change them outside the pool building or in the car.
3. We regret that parents will not be permitted to enter the changing rooms.

Sanitizing pool equipment and the poolside area.

1. Each teacher will be given a net bag containing the teaching aids they need for their lessons. Before each lesson the teacher will be responsible for immersing their equipment in the (chlorinated) water to sanitize. PWTAG (the Pool Water Treatment Advisory Group) have advised that the covid19 virus is destroyed by chlorine and as such the above method of sanitization is approved.
2. Floats and noodles will be marked with numbers. Pupils must use the same float and noodle for the duration of their lesson. Swim Clinic will provide floats and noodles for use during lessons but parents may provide their child with the equipment they need if they prefer.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance to the pool.
4. The poolside area will be steam cleaned before every hire period. During our session we will sanitise in the pool area using wipes and spray. Changing rooms will be sanitized with wipes and spray after each class has used them and toilets will be sanitized after every use.

General

1. Parents must remain outside the poolside area, but may observe from outside the perspex dome cover, whether the dome is open or closed. Social distancing in line with current government guidelines must be observed at all times.

2. Please note that Swim Clinic are taking precautions to avoid transmission of Covid19 in line with guidance from the various national swimming related organisations. Our Covid19 safe plan has been put together with guidance from Swim England and other relevant national bodies. Every attempt will be made to keep your child safe but we obviously cannot guarantee 100% that the virus will not be transmitted within our swim school.
3. Please ensure that your child does not attend if he/she has any symptoms commensurate with Coronavirus. We reserve the right to exclude any child who presents with symptoms that we feel may be an indication of Covid19. We will also exclude any child who presents with a high temperature.
4. If your child or another member of your immediate family does test positive for Covid19 please advise us as soon as you are aware and ensure that he/she does not attend lessons. Please only return to lessons when a doctor, or government guidelines advise that it's safe to do so.
5. If a child becomes unwell (with any illness) or injured during a lesson the parent will be asked to collect him/her and take them home, unless treatment for a minor injury such as a cut or graze can be given at the time. Whilst awaiting the parent our staff will socially distance if appropriate but if treatment is needed (such as a plaster to be applied) the member of staff will use appropriate PPE such as mask, gloves, apron.
6. Anyone present at lessons, either swimming or observing, who doesn't adhere to the guidelines laid down by the government at the prevailing time, or adhere to guidelines within this document, may be excluded from the session with immediate effect.

These are difficult times for us all and we thank you for your co-operation. Our overriding concerns are to keep your children safe and despite all the new regulations to give them an enjoyable swimming experience. We have also produced another document which we would ask you to share with your child before the lesson so that there are no surprises and children are aware of what to expect.

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