



SWIMMING POLICY

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery is a Rights Respecting School. As part of our commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child, *Articles 29* and *31* are linked to this policy. Details of the Articles can be found on the school website.

Swimming is an important life skill and Garlinge Primary School and Nursery is committed to fulfilling the National Curriculum expectation that all pupils will leave the school being able to swim 25m. In addition, it is a highly beneficial activity for acquiring an increased movement vocabulary and skills, for health, for enjoyment and as a threshold skill, giving access to many other water-based recreational activities. It is one of the few activities that people can enjoy all their life either on their own or with friends and family of the same or different ages, whether just for fun or competitively. We owe it to our youngsters to give them the best chance to learn to swim, as well and as early as possible.

OVERALL COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

Kent County Council (KCC) has responsibility for ensuring safety in swimming in schools as our employer. As part of this responsibility, the KCC provides the safety policy, guidance and procedures for swimming, and ensures that its employees receive any necessary training to carry out their delegated tasks.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

- Children are appropriately supervised when changing
- Pupils are under control at all times
- A headcount is taken before, during and after sessions
- Normal and emergency procedures are enforced
- Teachers (and adults other than teachers) have an overview of the teaching of their children and the conduct of the class.
- Will complete a risk assessment for travelling

SUPERVISION OF CHANGING ROOMS

Children will be supervised whilst changing:

- If children are using a mixed sex changing area with cubicles then a member of staff of either gender may supervise.
- In single sex changing rooms, the staff will supervise children of same sex

SWIMMING POOL

The children are taught by instructors provided by Your Leisure and are their responsibility whilst the lesson is in progress, both in and out of the pool. The children follow all pool rules as instructed. All instructors are DBS checked.

School staff are present at all time with a member at the poolside wearing footwear provided by the pool or in bare feet.

Any accidents which happen at the poolside or in the pool are dealt with by the pool first aiders and accident procedures will be adhered to. Any other incidents are dealt with by our school staff and are reported to the teacher and/or Headteacher as appropriate.

Year 5 and Year 6 children are given the opportunity to have swimming lessons in Term 1 and Term 6

In an emergency whilst at the swimming pool, the school follow evacuation procedures as instructed by Your Leisure staff.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Risk Assessment for travelling to and from the swimming pool are completed each school year and copies are held by the in the school office.