

Swimming at Beechwood Community Pool from April 2021



We are so excited to welcome you back to the pool. As with many things in life, there are some new procedures that you need to be aware of at your chosen venue. You will find everything you need to know about Beechwood Community Pool below – please read it very carefully.

If you would also like to read about what, as your chosen swim school, Puddle Ducks is doing to keep you, your child and our team members safe, we have summarised all the steps we are taking including our risk assessment procedure, cleaning and hygiene regimes and temporary changes to the way our lessons will be run [here](#).

Arrival time

Please do not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before your lesson starts. This should give you enough time to get poolside and prevents lots of people from waiting around in spaces which may be too small to handle it in the current situation.

Arriving swim-ready

Wherever possible, you and your child should arrive swim-ready at the venue i.e. with your swimming costume/trunks/swim nappy on underneath your clothes. This is because in most venues, the changing rooms will not be available for the time being.

We appreciate that those children still in nappies might need a nappy change just before their lessons. Ideally this can be done in the car before entering the building but if not, please take a change mat to the poolside with you and make sure you have nappy bags and another bag in which to put the nappy bag to ensure there is no waste left visible at poolside.

You will be asked to change in waiting area before you swim, as changing rooms will only be used after your lesson. Please bring only the essentials (keeping valuables to a minimum) and one bag to put everything in as this will be left poolside.

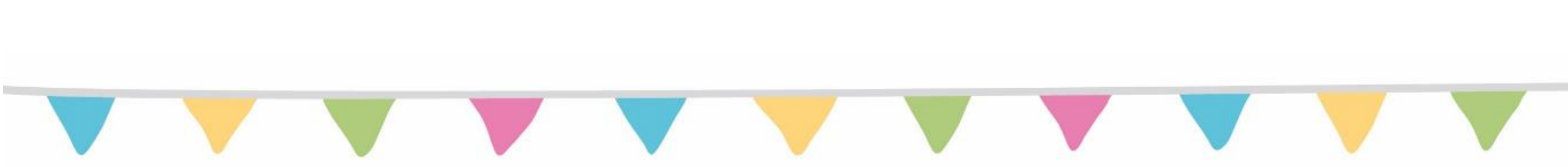
We advise that you bring a change mat (if needed) that can be rolled up and placed in your bag, especially those of you who have little ones who would normally use a change table or a bench.

Spectators

No Spectators will be allowed at the pool. This will allow us to practice social distancing more effectively. If you require assistance due to a disability (either your own disability or your child's), then you are able to bring a spectator to help as necessary.

Entering the building

There is a one-way system in place. Enter the building through the Main Entrance. **YOU WILL NEED A FACE MASK FOR THE COMMUNAL AREA BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL HALL.** When you have



entered the building, turn right through the double doors and you will see a designated changing area. The floor is clearly marked showing the one way system.

Signing in/Letting us know you are here

The teacher will sign you in – so you don't need to do anything.

Toilets

There are toilets in each of the changing rooms.

Changing

As we have asked you to come dressed swim-ready, please remove your outer clothes in the designated changing area before entering the pool hall. Keep your belongings in your bag, which you will take through to the pool hall with you. They will be stored on the left hand side as you enter the pool hall – a sign will be in place to show you where to put them.

The changing rooms will be used when you get out of the pool, allowing the safe one way system to be as effective as possible. We ask that there is a maximum of 5 per changing room (an adult and a child count as one person).

Entering the pool area

As you enter the pool hall, you will find a hand sanitising station – please use this.

Walk straight ahead and your belongings will be kept on the left hand side. Once you have dropped off your bag, please shower (they are at the entrance of the changing rooms) and make your way to the 'café side' of the pool and wait for the teacher to call you for your lesson. Please keep socially distant from other customers and pool users wherever possible, until the teacher indicates it is time for you to enter the pool.

Exiting the pool area after your lesson

The teacher will direct you to the changing rooms. We advise that you bring easy, comfortable clothing for both you and your child – items like onesies might be easiest for children to get changed quickly and keep them warm. We would prefer that you showered at home, so you are in the building for as little time as possible.

Leaving the building

When you are ready to leave the building, please wash your hands or use the hand sanitiser provided and make your way to your car/mode of transport through the exit of the changing rooms and the main exit. Your mask will be needed again for the communal areas whilst exiting the building.