

# Swimming at Springfield School from September 2021



We are so excited to welcome you back to this pool. The school is a special needs school and are taking a cautious approach to welcoming us back in order to keep everyone safe. Therefore there are some new procedures that you need to be aware of at the pool. You will find everything you need to know about Springfield School below – please read it very carefully.

## Arrival time

Please do not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before your lesson starts. Our poolside assistant will open the door at the rear of the sports barn when it is time to come in. This should give you enough time to get poolside and prevents lots of people from waiting around in the changing room for longer than they need to.

## Arriving swim-ready

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 to minimise the time spent in the changing area. All shoes need to be removed upon entering the pool hall and placed in your own bag.

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 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. We advise that you all bring a change mat that can be rolled up and placed in your bag.

It is very important that you remember to bring your own neoprene overnappy as we cannot lend them out at this time unfortunately and your child will not be able to enter the pool without one.

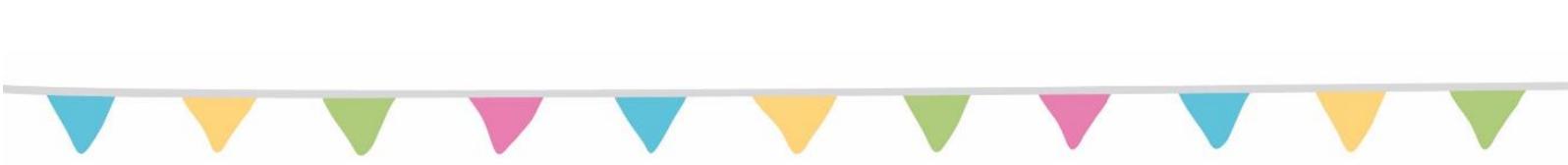
Please bring only the essentials (keeping valuables to a minimum) and one bag to put everything in as this will be left in a designated area poolside.

## Face coverings

Whilst these are no longer a legal requirement in indoor settings, we will be encouraging the adults who attend our lessons to still wear a Face Covering inside the pool building and when getting changed (but not in the pool) and our team members will still wear Face Coverings as they move around the building.

## Spectators

At this current time, and with limited space poolside, no additional spectators will be allowed whilst we take our cautious return to using the pool. 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.



## Parking at the venue

Parking is at the front of the school, please do not park at the rear of the sports barn.

## Entering the building

Entrance to the pool is through the open gates following the building round to the rear entrance door.

Please wait outside the pool hall door until the poolside assistant invites you into the pool building as they may still be cleaning the changing area and poolside from the previous class. Hand sanitiser will be available in the entrance area for you to use. Please remove all outdoor shoes at this point and place them in your bag – wearing easy, slip-on shoes is advised at this time.

## Signing in/Letting us know you are here

Our poolside assistant will greet you as you enter the pool hall. The poolside assistant will be wearing a mask to protect both themselves and you as customers. Our teacher will take the register as normal before the lessons.

## Toilets

The toilet in the changing rooms remain available for use. The additional toilets in the entrance hall will be closed at this time.

## Changing rooms

The changing rooms are available for use at this time. Swimmers are asked to change as quickly as possible and place all belongings into one single bag to be stored away underneath the benches in the changing rooms to enable our poolside assistant to clean the area between uses.

## Entering the pool area

Please wash your hands before entering the pool area. The Poolside Assistant will show you where you can do this. In some cases, it might be using hand sanitiser instead of soap and water.

Swimmers will be asked to wait poolside along the wall to avoid exiting swimmers until the teacher indicates it is time for you to move round and enter the pool for your lesson. Please ask the Poolside Assistant if you are unsure where to stand.

## Exiting the pool area after your lesson

At the end of the lesson the teacher will direct you back to the changing areas. Please aim to get changed as quickly as possible to allow time for our poolside assistant to clean the area thoroughly in between classes. 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.

## 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 using the pool hall entrance/exit point.

