

Swimming at Riversdale Primary School from September 2020



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 Riversdale Primary School 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](#).

Parking at the venue

Free parking is available on Pirbright Road and other surrounding roads on Saturday and Sunday.

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 prevent lots of people from waiting around in enclosed spaces.

Face coverings

We recommend you use a mask whilst on your way to and in the changing areas, please bring them with you and be prepared to wear them if directed to by a member of staff.

Entering the building

Please buzz the intercom on **Merton Road** and enter through the main gate, continue through the schools double doors which will be open.

Changing rooms will be open after your swimming lesson, **but not before your lesson**.

The 'dry' changing area is in the tunnel entrance hall, so we ask that you arrive **swim ready** as detailed below. Closing the changing rooms before your lesson enables us to keep within social distance guidelines, keep groups separate and clean between classes.

Please wait in the tunnel entrance at labelled socially distanced markers to disrobe and get ready for your lesson. The Poolside Assistant will collect you when it is time to move to the pool room.

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.

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 the poolside.



You will be asked to wait and disrobe/change in the tunnel area as you enter the school.

We advise that you all bring a change mat 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.

Entering the pool area

Please wash/sanitize 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.

The Poolside Assistant will collect customers from the tunnel 5 minutes before their lesson.

Once Poolside 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.

Spectators

We are not allowing poolside spectators to help maintain social distancing in our venues. We will continue to assess this, and our pool spaces and you will be advised if this changes. We appreciate how nice it is for family and indeed friends come to see your children swim but hope you appreciate the need to limit pool access to those who are swimming only.

If you require assistance due to a disability (either your own disability or your child's), then you can bring a spectator to help as necessary. Please inform us so we can make appropriate arrangements.

By not allowing spectators, we are able to practice social distancing more effectively.

Signing in/Letting us know you are here

Your teacher will mark you off on the register when you arrive. All lessons will have a Poolside Assistant, they will be wearing PPE to protect both customers and themselves.

Toilets

Should you or your child need to use the toilet please speak to the poolside assistant who will check they are clear before you access them.

Changing rooms

Changing rooms will be open after your class, we have provided additional changing areas so we are able to practice social distancing. Our poolside assistant will manage this when your lesson ends, to show you where you can get changed.

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.

Please walk directly through the school nursery area to exit through the automatic door. Turn to the right to follow the exit route to the push button gate which leads you on to Pirbright Road.



Thank you for your help and cooperation.