

Swimming at Great Ballard 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 Great Ballard School 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. Please leave your things poolside.

Please bring only the essentials (keeping valuables to a minimum) and one bag to put everything in. The poolside area can be very wet so a waterproof bag or bucket would be ideal.

Swim Academy

Please note that current government guidance dictates that the teacher is out of the water. SA L1 and L2 will therefore need a parent in the water with them for now.


Equipment

We have now been given the green light to use woggles and a limited amount of swim equipment in the pool which will be cleaned as per industry guidelines. If you would prefer to bring your own, this is not a problem. To make sure you have what's required for the lesson we will be using:

Woggle (one long or two short, depending on the level – two short woggles are simply one long woggle cut in half).

A floating toy (Puddle Ducks will provide floating balls that are easy to clean and don't hold water). If you decide to bring your own floating toy, a duck or other such toy is fine, as long as they are not dirty or showing signs of mould.

A sinking ring / toy for those children in Little Dippers, Dippers and Swim Academy.



If you wish to purchase these items for yourself, we have worked with Splash About to put together [a 'kit' with the appropriate equipment](#) for your child's class.

Spectators

Spectators can be accommodated at this venue but they must stand outside and view through the window at a safe distance from others.

Parking at the venue

Please adhere to social distancing where possible in the car park taking care to enter and exit your car away from others.

Entering the building

Entry is as before opposite the gate as you go in. There is a one-way system in operation at the venue. The exit is at the opposite end of the pool.

Signing in/Letting us know you are here

The Poolside Assistant will be present to tick off registers and will be wearing a facemask to protect both the customer and themselves.

Toilets

Please try and avoid using the toilets. However, if they are required please alert the poolside assistant so that they can show you in and they can then clean down the cubicle as soon as it has been vacated.

Changing rooms

The changing rooms are not available and all changing will take place poolside so you may wish to bring a towelling robe ([e.g. see here](#)).

Entering the pool area

Please sanitise your hands before entering the pool area.

Please follow the one way system at the pool – many pools are operating a one-way system so that those entering and exiting the pool do not mingle – please ask the Poolside Assistant if you are unsure of the way.

Please wait poolside, keeping 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

You will change poolside or outside if weather permits. 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 make your way to your car/mode of transport, taking the opposite exit to the one you came in from.