



POLICY ON SWIMMING

Aims/Purposes

- ♦ To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at St. Patrick's De La Salle BNS.
- ♦ To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

Procedures Guidelines

- ♦ Each pupil will attend a 10 week session in a swimming pool annually from 4th – 6th class. 3rd class may attend for 5 weeks depending on pupil number that year.
- ♦ The swimming pool at The Watershed, Kilkenny has been reserved for the full school year on Thursday mornings for an hour session.
- ♦ Costs incurred by hiring of pool, and payment of instructors necessitate a charge of €50 (subject to change) being imposed on each pupil. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

Instructional Arrangements

- ♦ The Watershed Kilkenny will organize the swimming programme for all classes from fourth to sixth with the support of the class teachers.
- ♦ Instruction in the pool will be provided by the swimming instructors in the Watershed.

Travel and Supervision Arrangements

Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by class teachers and SNAs on the way to the pool from the school. Pupils will walk to the pool/get a bus and class teachers & SNAs will provide supervision before and after the swimming lesson.

Teachers of all classes should remain on the viewing deck during the lesson in order to supervise the overall group and pupils who may need to use the toilets during the lesson.

Should a child be unable to attend the course, due to ill health or any other reason, he will travel with the class to the pool and remain under the supervision of the class teacher.

Health and Safety

Best practice in relation to the supervision, instruction and child protection procedures as outlined by the Irish Sports Council, Swim Ireland and the National Safety Council will be adhered to at all times.

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Pupils are required to behave at all times in a manner that ensures the safety of all involved in school swimming and comply with the schools' code of behaviour.

Parents/guardians will receive a standard letter providing information on school swimming before their child starts their swimming term and must also sign a consent form.

Where a parent/guardian has a health concern regarding their child's participation in swimming, professional advice must be sought before the child participates in the swimming lesson.

In the best interest of the child, it is the duty of parents/guardians to inform the class teacher and/ or Principal with regard to any health condition that may affect the child in the pool. This information will be held in confidence and provided on a need to know basis to the swimming instructors.

All children attending the course should wear their tracksuit. (Swimming togs may be worn under tracksuits coming to school). Each child must have a suitable bag to carry his/her swimming gear (Sports bag or similar with secure zip or other fastening).

All items brought to the pool must be clearly labelled with the child's name. This includes the bag, tracksuit, socks, underwear and shoes.

Each child must have their own togs (without pockets), towel, hair brush and swim cap, goggles if needed, all of which must also be marked.

Spray deodorants etc. must not be brought to the pool as the dressing rooms are confined spaces. The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.

The school is not responsible for any items which are lost or misplaced while attending swimming lessons.


Signed on behalf of the Board of Management


Signed: 

Date: 29/11/21

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