

# **POLICY ON SWIMMING**

## **Aims/Purposes**

- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at Scoil Chaoimhín Naofa, Hollywood.
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

## **Procedures Guidelines**

- Each pupil will attend a 6 week session in a Naas swimming pool annually from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class
- Every pupil must participate in the organized swimming lessons. Pupils who are unable to participate due to medical reasons must produce a doctor's note.
- Pupils who cannot participate due to medical reasons must travel with the class to the swimming pool.
- The swimming pool at K Leisure, Naas has been reserved.
- Costs incurred by hiring of pool, and payment of instructors necessitate a charge being imposed on each pupil. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

## **Instructional Arrangements**

- The secretary will organize the swimming programme for all classes from second to sixth
- The lessons are led by qualified instructors in conjunction with K-leisure and Water Safety Ireland.
- The class-teacher will be present throughout the instruction.

## **Travel and Supervision Arrangements**

- Pupils will be accompanied by the class teacher on the way to the pool and from the school.
- Pupils will line up outside the pool in silence.
- They will enter the changing area in an orderly manner.
- They will use the cubicles to change, 2 or more children may use a cubicle. There are separate male and female changing areas.
- All pupils will shower before entering the pool.
- They will line up along the side of the pool in silent and await directions from the instructors.
- In the event that the teacher needs to enter a cubicle/changing room he/she must be accompanied by another adult. They must knock and announce that they will be entering and advise pupils that they should be appropriately covered/dressed.

## **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.

Pupils are required to behave at all times in a manner that ensures the safety of all involved in school swimming.

Parents/guardians will receive a standard letter providing information on school swimming before their child starts their swimming term. A consent note, granting

permission for a child to participate in swimming must be returned to the class teacher prior to the start of the swimming term.

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.

Deodorants, shampoos and shower gels must not be brought to the pool.

The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.

**Monitoring / Evaluation / Review:**

Policy is revised if deemed necessary.

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