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Active Leeds School Swimming 2019/20

Welcome back to the new academic year and I trust you all had a wonderful summer break! With a new academic year comes a new term of swimming. The Aquatics Team have worked hard over the summer to develop and refresh the Leeds Primary School Swimming Scheme Framework which all mainstream schools based in our Leisure Centres adopt. New for this year will be a specialist SEND framework to ensure pupils attending swimming lessons with Active Leeds also have a scheme of work to provide guidance throughout the sessions. If you feel this may be useful for your school then please do get in touch. As always we are keen to work with all schools to ensure everyone gains the most out of their lessons whether swimming for the full year or one/two terms, each framework can be slightly adapted.

If you were unsure on the number of pupils attending when completing your original booking forms for 2019/20, then please ensure this information is emailed across as soon as possible so the correct invoices and recharges can be raised.

Should the number of teachers requested differentiate to what is actually required when you arrive for your first swimming lesson, this will be communicated with you. If the school staff attending with the class request an additional teacher then this will not be agreed until I have communicated with the school contact on file. This is to ensure everyone is aware of what is been requested and that funds are in place to cover any additional costs.

May I wish you the very best with your swimming for 2019/20, should you have any queries throughout the year please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, Sam Webb (Aquatics Manager) or the Aquatics Team (all details can be found in appendix H of the School Swimming Guidelines).

Leeds Schools Swimming Guidelines document

This document is a best practice guide full of useful information to help you make the most of your swimming sessions.

The document can be viewed or downloaded on Evolve via www.leedsvisits.org.uk.

Within the guidelines please can I draw your attention to paragraph **4.4.1 Group Sizes**. The number of children in the care of one teacher should not exceed twelve for those children who can swim less than 10m and twenty pupils with higher swim abilities. And **6.1 Swim England Charter** schools are encouraged to sign up to the Swim England School Swim & Water Safety Charter at £30/year as it directly links with our framework (for more information visit <https://www.swimming.org/schools/charter-content/>). The charter allows schools access to extensive set of resources including downloadable award certificates, printed passports & stickers for pupils to track their achievements, along with other valuable resources for improving your

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school swimming experience. Alternatively, the Rainbow Distance badges can be purchased direct from the centre reception if schools wish to award these to pupils.

Training for School Teachers

These are ideal courses for anyone involved in primary school swimming e.g. support teacher, HLTA, caretaker, parent volunteer etc. The first course of the National Curriculum Training Programme on 23/30 September is now fully booked, however we are in the process of booking a course for October/November time. Information will be sent round once I have all the details

School Teacher Responsibilities – points to highlight as a reminder

Schools should bring where possible both a male and a female to the pool to supervise children in the changing rooms

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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