

Scoil Nano Nagle - Swimming Policy 2025

Aims

To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at Scoil Nano Nagle Junior School.
To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

Rationale

The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils. Believing that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, the school arranges a course of swimming instruction in Clondalkin Leisure Centre swimming pool for students in Second Class during the school year.

Swimming Guidelines

- Each pupil from Second Class will be given the opportunity to attend a 6-week session in a swimming pool annually.
- The swimming pool at Clondalkin Leisure Centre has been reserved for forty-five minutes each Tuesday from 12.45 – 1.30pm for 12 weeks in the second school term. (This is subject to change)
- Attendance at this course fulfils the Aquatics Module of the PE Curriculum as laid down by the Department of Education and parents defray the cost of the course and also that of the transport to and from the pool. The school can apply for a swimming grant to aid parents with the cost. It is compulsory for all children to participate in aquatics lessons as part of the National Curriculum. Should a child be unable to attend aquatics, due to a medical condition, a letter must be sent to the school requesting exemption and stating the reason why.
- Should a child be unable to attend one lesson due to ill health or any other reason, a letter must be given to the class teacher and he/she will remain under the supervision of a class teacher in the school for the duration of the lesson. Children are not allowed to be taken away by their parents while the swimming lesson is taking place. It is a normal school day and supervision will take place.
- Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by a class and SET teacher on the way to and from the pool. Pupils will travel by bus to the pool and the class and SET teacher will provide supervision before and after the swimming lesson.
- Pupils attending the pool at any given time will be from a combination of classes. This is to allow for the different levels of swimmers to be spread out over various sections of the pools.
- All children attending the course should wear their tracksuit. It is suggested that swimming togs 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).
- Swimsuits must be one piece no bikinis.
- Time is limited so children are not encouraged to bring shampoo and shower gel to the pool and to quickly rinse after their lessons.
- Swim hats must be worn.
- Deodorants must not be brought to the pool as the dressing rooms are confined spaces, and they leave a strong smell.
- No Jewellery must be worn to the lessons. (Stud earrings are fine).
- All items brought to the pool should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Mobile phones and cameras are forbidden to be used in the swimming pool premises by both adults and children for child protection reasons.

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Instructional Arrangements

The P.E. Co-ordinator will organise the swimming sessions for all classes. Instruction in the pool will be provided by the pool instructors.

Special Needs Pupils

The SNA's are required to assist the Special Needs pupils to undress and dress before and after swimming lessons in Clondalkin Leisure Centre. They should also assist the child to enter and exit the pool and be available at all times during the swimming lesson to take the child from the swimming instructor if he/she was no longer taking part in the lesson.

The SNA's are not required to enter the water with the child. It is the responsibility of the instructor, be it an individual or group instructor to teach the special needs pupil their swimming lessons. It is the decision of the swimming pool whether the pupil is capable of being in a group swimming situation.

In relation to school tours, where classes are visiting a swimming pool or a water area e.g. an adventure park the same procedures apply. SNAs are not required to enter the water with the special needs pupil.

ASD class pupils will attend swimming lessons with their mainstream class. This is subject to change.

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. Staff will follow the guidelines of our own Health & Safety Statement and Child Protection Policy at all times.

Pupils are required to behave at all times in a manner that ensures the safety of all involved in school swimming. Pupils must obey the instructor's orders at all times and comply with the school's Code of Behaviour Policy and the pool's Health and Safety Guidelines.

Parents should be aware that our Health & Nutrition Policy still applies during swimming lessons. No treats are permitted during this time as the swimming lessons are part of a normal school day.

Parents/guardians will receive a standard letter providing information on school swimming before their child starts their swimming term. The fees for swimming lessons must be returned to the class teacher prior to the start of the swimming term.

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 or need their attention during the 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.

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Responsibility for review

Principal, PE Post Holder and all class teachers.

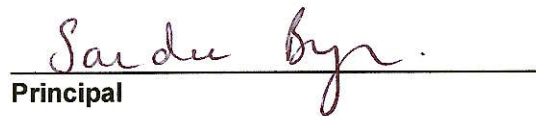
Ratification and Communication

The Swimming Policy has to be ratified by the Board of Management and parents can inspect the plan in the school office.

Ratification:


Chairperson Board of Management

Date 24/6/25


Principal

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