





Discovery Schools
Academy Trust



Merrydale Junior School

Swimming Policy
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Swimming Policy

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PE is a Foundation subject in the national Curriculum and is categorised into six areas of activity:

- Dance
- Athletics
- Games
- Swimming
- Gymnastics
- Outdoor and adventurous Activities

Aims

- Every pupil to learn to swim 25 metres by the time they leave our school.
- All pupils will understand water safety and how to keep themselves safe when swimming.
- Our pupils will gain a sense of enjoyment and achievement and continue the habit of swimming into adult life.

Equal Opportunities

We believe that all children, irrespective of physical ability, race, gender, creed or stage of development has the right to reach their full potential in PE and achieve enjoyment, satisfaction and success at their own level.

Equality of provision will be made for children with special educational needs where it affects their performance in swimming.

Talented Pupils

Any pupil who is observed to have a talent in this area of the curriculum will be identified to the PE Co-ordinator and details recorded. These pupils will be recommended for additional opportunities in school and to work with external sports clubs. They will be extended within lessons through appropriately differentiated tasks.

Entitlement

Y3 to Y6 have a minimum of two hours of quality physical education each week.

Sick Notes

If children are unable to participate in swimming due to a physical condition, a note from a parent / guardian should be provided. If there is any doubt about the child's current state of health, the parent / guardian must be consulted.

If pupils are missing swimming for more than two sessions in one term, then we would ask for a GP letter and may also refer to our school nurse.

If children do not attend the swimming class, they are allocated a Year 4 class for the time their class are at swimming lessons.

Access to sports and P.E. activities is a right and not a privilege.

Jewellery and goggles

No jewellery can be worn. Our Uniform Policy states that children should only wear small stud earrings for school. For PE lessons children need to be able to remove any adornments/jewellery by themselves. If children are unable to remove the jewellery or adornments by themselves, then please do not send them with earrings on the days they have PE, swimming or games activities. This issue has been discussed in detail with the Corporate Health and Safety Department at Leicester City Council. It is a legal requirement for schools to ensure that policies and procedures are in place to ensure a safe environment for staff and students. Religious jewellery can be taken off for the duration of the lesson and then put straight back on.

Whilst swimming, goggles can provide confidence to timid swimmers who feel anxious putting their face in the water however there are some health and safety considerations for the use of swimming goggles. Please see Appendix 1 for Parental Consent which must be completed prior to the children wearing goggles.

Clothing

Boys will wear swimming trunks without pockets for swimming sessions.

Girls will wear bathing costumes for swimming sessions. Girls who wear headscarves may wear swimwear/attire designed for their specific religion.

Children will not be given swimming costumes or shorts if they forget their kit.

Staff (male and female) MUST wear a t-shirt when wearing a bathing costume or swimming trunks.

Some staff may also opt to wear leggings or shorts.

This policy will be reviewed annually and shared as part of the School Handbook at the start of each year to ensure that all staff are aware of the procedures to follow.

This policy must be read in conjunction with the following documents:

1. Leicester City Council – Normal Operating Procedures for Spence Street Swimming Pool
Leicester City Council – Emergency Action Plan for Spence Street Swimming Pool
2. Merrydale Junior Charging Policy
3. Risk Assessment for Class 5LD
4. Risk Assessment for Class 5TB
5. Risk Assessment for Class 5HH
6. Class 5LD Swimming Procedures
7. Class 5TB Swimming Procedures
8. Class 5HH Swimming Procedures

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9. Risk Assessment for class 4AV
10. Risk Assessment for class 4GW
11. Risk Assessment for class 4FM
12. Class 4AV Swimming Procedures
13. Class 4GW Swimming Procedures

14. Class 4FM Swimming Procedures

All other documentation is kept in the cupboard in Reception for all staff to read.