

Fiveways School



Swimming Pool Procedure



Policy Review

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Policy Ratification

Role	Name	Signature	Date
Chair of Governors	Malcolm Gulliver		01.12.23
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Details of Policy Updates

Date	Details
01.12.23	New clarification of procedure.

The aim of this Swimming Pool Procedure is to protect children, staff and external lettings from illness caused by bacterial infection in lines with Environmental Health advice.

The main elements of this policy are:

- Protection: manage the risk of infection
- Partnership: working with parents/carers to ensure pupils are kept safe
- Planning: ensuring the pool remains open to for all pupils to access safely

Public Health advice

Operators need to be aware of the potential health risks and have the necessary procedures, equipment and chemicals in place and accessible at all times. All pools should have a written procedure, as part of their emergency action plan, stating what action to take in the event of a faecal incident. Staff must be trained in these procedures, and the training recorded.

Health risks from contamination

Infections can be passed via even the smallest amount of swallowed water containing bacteria. Swim nappies/pants can retain some faeces however they are not leak-proof and are unable to prevent the diarrhoeal germs from entering the pool if someone is unwell.

Outbreaks of diarrhoea will result in a pool closure to allow the chlorine the required time to kill the diarrhoeal germ.

In some cases, this can lead to a severe illness called cryptosporidium, and if a case of crypto is found the child is unable to swim for two weeks along with pool closure and samples taken for testing.

Prevention

Good hygiene practises are essential to prevent the spread of water illnesses and help stop germs from being introduced into the pool. A quick rinse under the shower before entering the pool will remove some of the dirt, sweat, and oils on body that use up the pool chemicals needed to kill germs.

Children who have been unwell with diarrhoea or a vomiting bug will not be allowed to swim until 48 hours after their last bout. Any classes who have two or more pupils with D&V illnesses will result in the whole class not swimming that week.

Hydrotherapy as part of essential physical curriculum.

Exceptions: For some pupils accessing hydrotherapy is part of their EHCP, physiotherapy or essential physical activity. For these pupils SLT will review individually.