



St Francis National School

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Swimming Policy

Aims/Purposes

- To enable pupils to acquire basic swimming skills while they are at St. Francis NS
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

Procedures Guidelines

- Each pupil from 4th and 5th class will attend 6-8 weeks of swimming lessons annually in the local pool in Dundalk
- The swimming pool (Aura Leisure, Dundalk) to be reserved for these weeks during the Spring/ Summer
- Costs incurred by hiring of pool and payment of instructors will be paid for from Contribution Card income (€25 per child per term). Parents will be asked to pay for the cost of buses. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

Instructional Arrangements

- School staff will supervise before, during and after swimming sessions.
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by qualified Aura Swimming Coaches.

Travel and Supervision Arrangements

Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by school staff during bus transportation to and from the school.

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 adhere to the school's code of discipline and Key to Learning Plan, and 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.

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.

If a child is not participating in the swimming lessons for any reason, parents are required to inform the class teacher in writing in advance of commencement of lessons.

Aerosol Deodorants etc. must not be brought to the pool as the dressing rooms are confined spaces. The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.

Responsibility for Review:

All members of staff, Parents and BoM.

Timeframe for Review:

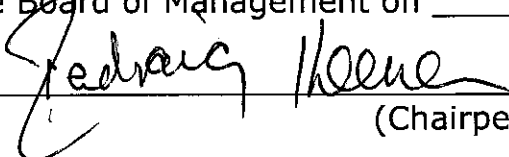
This policy will be reviewed every three years, or as required to meet the developing needs of the school.

Next review:

June 2025

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Ratified by the Board of Management on 21/6/2022 (Date)

Signed:  (Chairperson, Board of Management)

