

Policy on Swimming

Aims /Purposes

- To enable pupils to acquire basis swimming skills while they are at Crehana N.S.
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in aquatics.

Procedures Guidelines

- Each pupil will attend a 5/6 week session in a swimming pool annually from Infants to 6th Class.
- The swimming pool at Sean Kelly Sports Centre has been reserved for six weeks for a 45 minute lesson.
- Costs incurred by hiring the pool, and payment of instructors necessitate a charge being imposed on each pupil. Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating fully in swimming classes.

Instructional Arrangements

- Mrs C. Power a member of staff, will organise the swimming programme for all classes from Infants to 6th.
- In developing partnership with the parents in the school, parents with Garda Vetting/Statutory Declaration are asked to supervise.
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by coaches employed by S.K.S.C. and volunteer coaches with vetting requirements.

Travel and Supervision Arrangements

Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by their class teacher on the way to the pool from the school. Pupils will be transported by bus and class teacher will provide supervision before and after the swimming lesson. A rota of vetted parents will supervise the changing room. Pupils will be transported by bus back to the school.

Health and Safety

Best practice in relation to the supervision, instruction and child protection procedures will be adhered to at all times.

Pupils are required to behave at all times in a manner that ensure 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. A consent note, granting permission for a child to participate in swimming must be returned to the class teacher prior to the start of the 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.

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.

Monitoring/Evaluation/Review:

Policy is revised annually or at other times if deemed necessary.

Ratification and Review

This policy was reviewed by the Board of Management in Term1, 2014/2015.

It was ratified by the Board of Management on _____

Signed: _____ Chairperson, BOM.

The policy was communicated to the Parent Association on _____

