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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now making preparations for Autumn Term swimming to re-commence from Tuesday 1st September 2020. We are really excited to welcome back our Development Squad swimmers, particularly those who may have not been able to swim over the summer holidays. The first few weeks of September will particularly ease the transition for Development swimmers back into the water as Learn to Swim, with whom they share the pool, will not be back until 22nd September.

In order to facilitate safe swimming for the Development Squad we have made some changes to how we operate. Our risk assessment which sets out how we have mitigated any risks can be found on our website here: https://bpsc.club/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bpsc-risk_assessment_for_qebsp-covid19-200720.pdf

These procedural changes are broadly similar to the changes implemented in the summer. These are outlined below.

Session layout:

- Swimmers no longer need to book their session in advance as they had been during the summer holidays
- Swimmers should arrive in their kit **10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR SESSION START TIME** so they can be checked in. If swimmers arrive after the start of their session time they may have to wait to be admitted.
- Swimmers should be able to change independently and should bring minimal belongings to the pool.
- Swimmers must adhere to every other peg rule in the changing rooms.
- Swimmers must take all belongings poolside with them.
- Swimmers will be asked to wait along the pool wall until their coach instructs them to enter the water.
- Pool entry for each session will be staggered and the coach will give swimmers specific instructions that must be followed.
- Swimmers will need carefully to follow the coaching instructions during sessions, including stopping at their designated stop points and not congregating at the ends of the lanes.

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- Each swimmer will need to bring their own equipment as these can no longer be loaned if they are forgotten. Please **DO NOT** bring any equipment to the first session. The coach will inform swimmers what they should bring going forward.
- Parents **will not** be allowed onto poolside.
- There will be a designated drop off and collection point.
- A covid-liaison officer will deal with any queries/issues and ensure messages are passed onto the coaches.
- Parents are not allowed to wait on school premises, although they are permitted to wait in their cars in the car park.
- The showers in the changing room **will NOT** be in use and swimmers must swiftly change and leave the changing rooms at the end of their session. We would suggest that swimmers bring a onesie or similar to put on to facilitate swift exits. Parents are able to assist their children in the changing room only if strictly necessary.
- The covid-liaison officer will be responsible for ensuring that all swimmers check-in and are collected by their parent/carer after the session in the designated area.

Safe Swimming:

- Hand sanitiser is provided, and use is required upon entry and exit.
- Please ensure your child understands the importance/process of social distancing before turning up to a session.
- Please ensure you are prompt with arrival times- late swimmers may not be allowed in and that you are waiting at the end of the session time to collect your child.
- Please try to limit the number of parents/carers per child.
- Ensure your contact details are up to date should we need to contact you.

Session times:

Development squad will run on:

- Thursday 6.00pm-7.00pm at QE Boys (correct as of 1/9/20)
- Friday 6.15pm-7.15pm at QE Boys

There is a possibility that we may be able to offer the squad some time on a Tuesday afternoon between 4.45pm-5.45pm at Whittings Hill, but this is subject to interest and numbers of Learn to Swim. If this is something that you would be interested in pursuing this, please email Clare Lewis at devparentsrep@bpsc.club

The full squad timetable can be found here:

<https://bpsc.club/training/training-times/>

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If you have not already done so, then please could you carefully read the changes that we are implementing, then please complete the BPSC:

1. **Members' Survey***,
2. **Return to swimming Declaration and**
3. **Health Screen†**

...all of which can be found at our BPSC Covid Adaptation page here:

<https://bpsc.club/training/covid-19-adaptation>

NB: These must be completed before your child attends their first Development session.

Fees

Fees are payable from 1st September by either monthly direct debit or termly. Current fees per squad can be found here:

<https://bpsc.club/joining-introduction/fees/>

We have kept fees at the same rate as they were pre-covid but there will be a fee increase for all squads after October half-term.

In line with Swim England guidance, we are making these changes in order that there is a consistent approach across our club that is robust, has safety at its core and allows us to safely swim. Needless to say, the situation is constantly evolving, and so we will regularly review our approach.

Please note that if swimmers knowingly and repeatedly act in a way that is unsafe for the coaches or their fellow swimmers they will be asked to leave the session and an individual risk assessment will be conducted by the Covid Leads as to whether it is safe for the swimmer to continue swimming with the club whilst restrictions remain in place.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to the development squad.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on **headcoach@bpsc.club**

Kind regards,

Tom Sullivan
Head Coach