



26/8/2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the successful return of squad swimming over the summer holiday period, we are now able to allow the return of some Learn to Swim, from the week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> September. At this stage we are only able to welcome back Learn to Swim members who are able to swim independently, as due to Covid regulations we cannot have water helpers or teachers in the water with them. I understand that this will be disappointing for some of our Learn to Swim members, but we hope to be able to welcome all swimmers going forward should guidelines are relaxed.

In order to enable the safe return of Learn to Swim there will be some significant changes to how the sessions are run. These are outlined below.

BPSC has produced a robust Risk Assessment in conjunction with our pool operators, and all risks that were identified have been mitigated to a level where we believe we can safely return to the water. A copy of this risk assessment can be found here:

[https://bpsc.club/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bpsc-risk\\_assessment\\_for\\_qebsp-covid19-200720.pdf](https://bpsc.club/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/bpsc-risk_assessment_for_qebsp-covid19-200720.pdf)

I would ask that 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-19 Adaptation page here:

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

**The deadline for the completion of this is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 as we need to be able to effectively plan our sessions and teacher requirements.**

We are aiming to run the following sessions, however this will be based on pool availability and interest;

- Tuesday 4.45pm - 5.45pm at Whiting's Hill pool
- Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm at QE Boys' pool
- Friday 6.15pm - 7.15pm at QE Boys' pool.

The term will run from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The one-off cost for the term if your child attends one session per week is £100. If your child usually attends 2 sessions per week, the cost for the term is £156.

### **Session layout:**

- Each session will be 30 minutes
- 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 will have to wait until the previous session has cleared the changing room before they are able to join their lesson.
- 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 will be asked to wait along the pool wall until their teacher instructs them to enter the water immediately.
- Pool entry for each session will be staggered and the teachers will give swimmers specific instructions that must be followed.
- Swimmers will need carefully to follow the teaching instructions during sessions, including stopping at their designated stop points and not congregating at the ends of the lanes.
- Each swimmer will need to bring their own goggles and swim hat as these can no longer be loaned if they are forgotten
- Parents **will not** be allowed onto poolside.
- There will be a designated drop off and collection point.
- A CoViD-19 liaison officer will deal with any queries/issues and ensure messages are passed on the LTS coordinator and teachers.
- There will be limited use of the viewing gallery, where socially distancing must be strictly adhered to. Only one parent/carer per swimmer.
- 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 - **MAXIMUM 5 minutes**. 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.
- The CoViD-19 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 a prompt with arrival times- late swimmers will be asked to wait until the changing room is clear and this could result in them missing a significant portion of their lesson.
- Ensure your contact details are up to date should we need to contact you.

**If swimmers knowingly and repeatedly act in a way that is unsafe for the teachers 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.**

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 restart swimming. Needless to say, the situation is constantly evolving, and so we will regularly review our approach.

We will not be admitting new swimmers until the week commencing the 6<sup>th</sup> October so if you have recently joined the club and were undertaking your taster sessions when lockdown came into force then please contact me so as to discuss your start date and lesson time.

Remember to complete our **club survey** so we have an idea of the numbers of swimmers that intend to return in each squad and when; this will allow us to fine-tune our operation to best suit the needs of our members. Once again, the survey is here:

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

We look forward to welcoming your child/children back to the club.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on [learntoswim@bpsc.club](mailto:learntoswim@bpsc.club)

Kind regards,

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