



SWIMMING POLICY

Swimming is an essential life skill and Parkside Community Primary School is committed to fulfilling the National Curriculum expectation that all pupils will leave the school being able to swim 25m, use a range of strokes effectively and be able to perform safe self-rescue. In addition, swimming is a threshold skill for that may give access to many other water-based recreational activities, leading to opportunities to pursue a healthy, active lifestyle.

OVERALL COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

Kent County Council (KCC) has responsibility for ensuring safety in swimming in schools as our employer. As part of this responsibility, the KCC provides the safety policy, guidance and procedures for swimming, and ensures that its employees receive any necessary training to carry out their delegated tasks.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

- Children are appropriately supervised when changing
- Pupils are under control at all times
- A headcount is taken before, during and after sessions
- Normal and emergency procedures are enforced
- Teachers (and adults other than teachers) have an overview of the teaching of their children and the conduct of the class.
- Will complete a risk assessment for travelling

SUPERVISION OF CHANGING ROOMS

Children will be supervised whilst changing:

- If children are using a mixed sex changing area with cubicles then a member of staff from the school of either gender may supervise.
- In single sex changing rooms, the staff from school or the swimming pool will supervise children of same sex.

SWIMMING POOL

Pupils are taught by instructors provided by Active Life and are their responsibility whilst the lesson is in progress, both in and out of the pool. The children follow all pool rules as instructed. All instructors are DBS checked.

School staff are present at all times with a member at the poolside wearing footwear provided by the pool or in bare feet.

Any accidents which happen at the poolside or in the pool are dealt with by the pool first aiders and accident procedures will be adhered to. Any other incidents are dealt with by our school staff and are reported to the teacher and/or Headteacher as appropriate.

Upper Key Stage 2 are given the opportunity to go swimming in Terms 1 and 2.

In an emergency whilst at the swimming pool, the school follows evacuation procedures as instructed by swimming pool staff.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Risk Assessment for travelling to and from the swimming pool is completed each school year and copies are held by the in the school office.

An up to date copy of the pool risk assessment is available to staff

Policy adopted by Governing Body on _____

To be reviewed on _____

Signed by Headteacher _____

Signed by Chair of Governors _____