

# **SETANTA SCHOOL POLICY ON SWIMMING**

## **Aims/Purposes**

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

## **Procedures Guidelines**

- Monkstown Pool has been reserved on Thursdays from 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.
- Mespil Pool has been reserved on Fridays from 10.45 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

## **Instructional Arrangements**

- Instruction in Monkstown Pool will be provided by Monkstown Pool Staff.
- Instruction in Mespil Pool will be provided by the school staff.
- There is a lifeguard on duty at both pools.

## **Travel and Supervision Arrangements**

All pupils will travel on buses to both swimming pools. Pupils will be accompanied by and supervised by the class teacher and the special needs' assistants on the way to the pool from the school and on the way back to 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 behave at all times in a manner that ensures the safety of all involved in school swimming.

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.

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.  
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