


Glebe Primary School		
Policy:	Swimming Information	
Subject Lead	PE Subject Leader Miss. Kelly	

Why we provide swimming lessons at Glebe Primary School:

As per the national curriculum: all schools **must** provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. The National Curriculum states all pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

How we organise swimming at Glebe Primary School

Swimming at Glebe Primary School is taught by qualified swimming teachers at Wadurs Swimming Pool, Shoreham by Sea.

Children are taught to swim in Year 2 (6 weeks), Year 3 (6 weeks), Year 4 (6 weeks) and Year 5 (6 weeks).

Children are assessed every year by the swimming teachers according to the National Curriculum and any children who do not meet the minimum requirements after Year 5 are offered “Top Up” swimming sessions in Year 6 for 6 weeks in order to give them a further opportunity to meet National Curriculum standards.

Children will walk to and from Wadurs with Glebe staff and any parent/carers volunteers.

Roles and Responsibilities

- The role of the member of staff in charge:
- The welfare of children in changing room;
- Overall maintenance of good discipline;
- Maintaining regular head counts
- Marking the attendance register;
- Ensuring the safety of all children and maintain a safe working environment

The role of the PE subject leader:

- To undertake a risk assessment of the school’s swimming provision annually and monitor its implementation on an ongoing basis;
- To ensure that the law relating to SEND is followed whereby schools take all reasonable steps to avoid discriminating against pupils on the grounds of their disability.
- To maintain and keep a record of the pupils’ swimming achievements inside and outside of school.
- To report to the governing body annually on the impact of the school’s swimming provision (on Sport Premium action plan document).

- Ensure the recommended teacher ratios are adhered to. (See Appendix 1)
- To ensure annual briefing sessions take place with all staff involved with swimming provision.

The swimming instructor(s) will:

- Possess DBS clearance.
 - Have full ASA Teachers Award or an STA equivalent as well as a life-saving award recognised by Health and Safety Unit.
 - Possess a relevant First Aid certificate.
 - Make sure all children and teachers know safety drills.
 - Have all equipment ready and in the correct place in the teaching area.
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- Consult with the accompanying teacher and agree arrangements to be made about the provision for children with special needs and confirm risk assessment.
 - Ensure children know the procedure for the start/end of lesson, their grouping and assigned area of pool and teacher.
 - To assess and record pupil progress.
 - Organise classes according to: Class numbers, Pupil ability, Numbers of teachers/adult helpers

Attendance

All parents must ensure that their children attend all allocated lessons. As swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum. Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from this statutory element of the National Curriculum, unless the child has an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan). Older children are encouraged to be independent in terms of organising their swimming kits. Children who forget their swimming kits or cannot participate in the lesson for any reason will be required to attend and observe the lessons from the side of the pool. This is in line with the other aspects of the PE curriculum delivery. Parents of children returning from an illness that would prevent them from swimming for a short period of time **must** provide the school with medical evidence of the illness in order that they may be excused from the lesson. Should a child not be able to swim for an extended period of time, a Doctor's letter **must** be provided.

Swimming Kit

Girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys should wear swimming trunks (not baggy 'board shorts'). All children should wear a swim hat, with girls ensuring that their hair is tied up. Provision must be made for alternative attire for minority ethnic pupils when a request is made.