

CANALWAY EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL

Swimming Policy DRAFT

INTRODUCTION

Canalway Educate Together wrote this policy in collaboration with the staff, the parents and the Board of Management. This policy is to support and inform swimming lessons and procedures around accessing this area of the PE curriculum.

AIMS

- To enable pupils to begin to acquire basic swimming skills.
- To comply with the requirements of the Revised Curriculum in Aquatics.

PROCEDURES GUIDELINES

- Each Child will ideally attend 8 lessons per year, from second class to sixth class.
- Children will receive lessons on water safety and expected behaviour in the pool prior to the children starting their visits to the pool.
- Costs incurred will necessitate a charge for each child.
- Inability to pay will not preclude a pupil from participating in swimming classes.

COMMUNICATION & CARE

- The children will always remain in the care of the teacher who will have the autonomy to stop the lesson or remove children from the lesson where they see fit.
- The children will be informed that they must communicate with the swimming instructor if they are having problems with friends, or safety concerns.
- The children will be informed that they also communicate with the class teacher if they are having problems with friends, or safety concerns.
- If parents of children in the lesson wish to attend a lesson to see the set up, they can contact the principal to arrange an observation from the side of the pool. This is the only part of the lesson they will have access to.
- A consent note, granting permission for a child to participate in swimming must be returned to the class teacher prior to the start of the swimming term.

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- Teachers and school management will organise the programme for all classes.
- Instruction in the pool will be provided by professional coaches in accordance IWS or SI.
- While travelling to and from the pool, pupils will be accompanied and supervised by class teacher and support staff.
- 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.
- Parents/guardians will receive a written communication providing information on swimming lessons before their child starts their swimming term.
- Deodorants or aerosols must not be brought to the pool as the dressing rooms are confined spaces.
- The Health and Safety Guidelines outlined by the pool authorities will be strictly adhered to.
- In the event of unsafe unacceptable behaviour, the Code of Behaviour will be followed and parents informed if the child can continue with the lessons.

INCLUSION:

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. Refer to the Chronic Illness Policy.

All efforts will be made by staff, facilitators, parents and management to support children with special needs to access the lessons,