

Risk Assessment



PART A. ASSESSMENT DETAILS

What is being assessed: Steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the swimming pool facility

Location: Swimming Pool – School Swimming Lessons

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This Risk Assessment has been produced and published specifically in relation to the risks presented by Covid-19, and the associated control measures that have been introduced.

It complements, but does not replace, the existing risk assessments for school swimming, which remain in place and describe the control measures for non-Covid related risks.

In the event of any conflict between the control measures described in the different risk assessments, then this risk assessment shall take precedence, and the requirements of any other risk assessment shall be considered to be amended accordingly.

This risk assessment is specifically focused on the risk of catching or spreading the virus that leads to COVID-19. The potential severity of the hazard can range from nil (asymptomatic) to fatal in any individual.

The control measures are designed to reach at least the standards and guidance intended to control transmission, as issued by UK Government, Public Health England, and Swim England, using the latest scientific advice.

Therefore the post-mitigation risk ranking is deemed to be acceptable on this basis, and there is little benefit in attempting to quantify more precisely the likelihood and severity of each sub-risk associated with COVID transmission, contained within this Risk Assessment.

This risk assessment has been compiled based on the following governmental guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/providers-of-grassroots-sport-and-gym-leisure-facilities> and supporting documentation from Swim England regarding the safe return of swimming pools providers.

PART B1. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES:			
Step 1 Identify significant hazards	Step 2 Identify who might be harmed and how		Step 3 identify precautionary measures already in place
List of significant hazards (something with the potential to cause harm)	Who might be harmed?	Type of harm	Existing controls (Actions already taken to control the risk)
COVID-19 Transmission - General	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No person is allowed to attend the pool if they or a member of their household are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or have received a positive test result, and are still within the required self-isolation period as defined by UK Government, or are subject to a period of quarantine following travel to proscribed countries as defined by UK Government. - No parent, guardian, staff member or other responsible adult should transport or accompany a person to the pool if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or have received a positive test result, and are required to self-isolate. - WLSP swimming teaching staff to be learned in procedures for children or staff becoming unwell during a session in order to take the necessary action. - Register of all attendees (children and school staff) at every session is taken by WLSP staff for track and trace purposes.
Facility Entrance and Foyer Area	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each school group to enter via the designated entrance and follow the procedures as detailed in the step by step guidance specific for each pool which accompanies this document. - As schools are in bubbles there is no strict social distancing required between children. - Schools staff are responsible for bringing hand gels and sanitising pupils hands as detailed in the step by step guidance.

Changing Rooms	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing room access is granted for school swimming, as children are in year group bubbles during school time, thereby minimising risk of coming into close contact with other children. - Changing rooms and showers to be fully sanitised by WLSP staff/pool staff after each school has used them, including all touch points and toilets. - Children must shower before, and after if necessary in designated showers .
Swimming Pool	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whilst the guidance on the return of gym and leisure facilities requires 3sqm per bather, due to the children being in group bubbles this does not need to be adhered to for school swimming. The maximum capacity of the pool therefore remains at 40 for school swimming purposes. Given that class sizes often exceed 30 this is appropriate for this activity. - Entry and exit points to be established to the water for each group of swimmers through consultation with teaching staff at poolside. - Entry and exit points of the pool to be sanitised between groups.
Swimmer becomes unwell during a session	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WLSP swimming teaching staff to be learned in procedures for children or staff becoming unwell during a session in order to take the necessary action. - Accompany school staff to inform parent/carer (if appropriate) and isolate child in a suitable area if child becomes unwell - If child presents with COVID-19 symptoms in the two weeks before returning to, or once they have returned to the pool, they will be asked to self-isolate in line with the Government's guidelines before returning to the pool. - Register of all attendees (children and school staff) at every session is taken by WLSP staff for track and trace purposes. - Any necessary first aid will be undertaken by school staff. In the event of emergency first aid or life saving actions undertaken by WLSP (as per usual procedures) WLSP Management Team must be informed if any Covid-19 related symptoms are suspected.

<p>Hygiene Measures and Managing Contact</p>	<p>Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public</p>	<p>COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In every area, the frequency of hand sanitising and surface cleaning to be increased through poster and hygiene station displays. - Policies communicated to schools in advance of returning to the pool regarding hygiene measures, including requirement for children must shower before, and after (where necessary) using the pool. - School staff to provide hand gel to be used by all pupils and staff upon entry and exit to the building as detailed in the step by step guidance for each pool. - Children to be encouraged by school staff to use the toilet at school before and after swimming – toilets in pool changing rooms only to be used by one male swimmer and one female swimmer at any one time, and only if absolutely necessary. - All adults in the pool building should make every reasonable effort to comply with the social distancing guidelines set out by the government (2m, or 1m with risk mitigation where 2m is not viable). - A cleaning checklist to be applied as part of the thorough cleaning between groups. This will include all touch points in the changing rooms, toilets and showers. Entry and exit points of the pool and all equipment used during the lesson. - Doors to be safely fixed open where feasible. - Equipment that is permitted to be readily accessible avoiding contact with storage compartments where possible. - No paperwork permitted to be transferred between staff from schools to WLSP teachers or vice versa.
<p>Spectators</p>	<p>Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public</p>	<p>COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only school staff are permitted at poolside with WLSP teaching staff and pool staff for the duration of the session. No parents or spectators are permitted.

Exit	Swimmers, coaches/teachers, parents, facility staff, members of the public	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suitable break will be in place between school swimming sessions to enable different schools to enter and exit and maintain social distancing rules at all times. - Schools to exit the pool as soon as possible after their session, once all swimmers have changed in the changing rooms. Schools to follow instructions as detailed in the step by step guidance for each pool. - Groups to leave following the specific procedure as detailed in the step by step guidance for each pool. - School staff to provide hand gel to sanitise swimmers and school staff hands upon exit of pool building.

This general risk assessment will apply to this area/task/activity in most schools providing the control measures described are in operation and there are no further local significant hazards. If it does not fully apply, please go to Part B2 on the next page. If it fully applies please sign below.

I certify that the risk assessment above fully applies to the area/task/activity under assessment in

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If the control measures described are not in operation and further action is required or there are further local significant hazards please record these here, transfer any actions required to the Action Plan at Part C below and sign off below. Do not sign off above if further actions are required.

PART B2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES:			
Further significant hazards	Who might be harmed?	Type of harm	Existing controls (Actions already taken to control the risk)

PART C: ACTION PLAN Step 4 Further action / controls required

Hazard	Action required	Person(s) to undertake action?	Priority	Projected time scale	Notes / comments	Date completed