

Admissions Policy

Pool Admissions Policy updated corporately May 2022

Supervision Levels

- All children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied in the water and changing rooms by a responsible person aged 16 years or over.
- The responsible person must be in the water with the children. Whilst in the pool the responsible person should maintain a constant watch over the children for whom they are responsible for and be in close contact with children who are weak or non-swimmers.
- Parents who are supervising children must themselves determine that they have the required competencies to undertake this task.

In the interests of safety the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport & Physical Activity (CIMSPA) recommends that:

- As a starting point, the ratio of parent supervision for all children under eight should be 1:2.
- This ratio may be increased subject to the pool and its features (teaching pool, shallow water pools, use of approved swimming aids etc.), but should never be more than 1:3.
- Circumstances (busy sessions, fun & floats etc.) may even require a 1:1 ratio.

In recognition of the fact that such supervision ratios may prove difficult for some; an individual **Pool Admissions - Child Swimming Capability Assessment Form** will be undertaken by the Centre's Duty Officer. Admission to the Pool will depend upon the outcome of the capability assessment form and may therefore vary depending on the specific circumstances and conditions at the time.