



Child Protection Policy

Brooks Swim School delivers swimming lessons to children and adults. Brooks Swim School is committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all children, young people and adults that swim with us.

We are committed to practise that protects children (aged under 18) from all forms of abuse; physical, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as neglect. We endeavour to protect children from discriminatory behaviour and Brooks Swim School will not tolerate discriminatory behaviour on any grounds, including age, disability, religion, cultural beliefs or ethnicity, towards anyone it comes in to contact with.

Brooks Swim School recognises that we have a legal obligation of a 'Duty of Care' towards all participants and we understand our responsibility to safeguard the children that we work with. Brooks Swim School adopts and implements in full the policies and procedures of the Swim England's (formerly ASA) Wavepower 2016-19 ("Wavepower"): <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/>

Brooks Swim School will:

- Ensure that any child safeguarding matters are dealt with appropriately in line with guidance on reacting to, recording and reporting concerns as set out in the Wavepower document. We will share information about concerns with agencies which need to know, including children's services, and involve parents and children appropriately.
- Ensure that all Brooks Swim School team members have undergone an enhanced DBS check and are safe to work with children.
- Ensure that all the Brooks Swim School team understand their safeguarding responsibilities and agree to and follow both the Swim England's Code of Ethics and the Swim England's Code of Conduct for teachers.
- Have a welfare officer* who will take the lead in dealing with any safeguarding matters that arise within Brooks Swim School. Team members and parents are made aware of who the welfare officer is when joining Brooks Swim School.

- Provide an environment where any members of Brooks Swim School have the opportunity to raise concerns about a child in a safe and confidential manner.
- Review our policy and good practice at regular intervals.
- Ensure that in any child safeguarding situation appropriate action is taken with the child's best interests in mind.

If there are any concerns at all about the welfare of a child, contact the welfare officer*, or alternatively Swim England's Swimline on **0808 100 4001**. **If concerns are immediate and/or life threatening social services or the police should be contacted directly.**

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:

Brooks Swim School provides a safe environment for children and young people. In addition to implementing Wavepower all adults coming in to contact with participants will follow the principles below.

Team members are committed to:

- Putting the wellbeing and health and safety of participants above all other considerations.
- Treating children and young people with dignity.
- Listening to and valuing children and young people.
- Treating children and young people fairly and respectfully, regardless of age, gender, disability, religious beliefs or ethnicity.
- Providing an example for children and young people to follow and using appropriate language.

Team members will:

- Agree to adhere to the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct provided by Swim England.
- Not spend time alone with a child, unless in a situation where abandoning the child will put the child in danger.
- Keep physical contact to a minimum, used only when necessary and with the child's or young person's consent.

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