



Seven Islands Leisure Centre
100 Lower Road, Surrey Quays
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Southwark Aquatics Child Welfare / Child Protection Policy

Club Commitment to Child Welfare

The Term Child or Children refers to all young people under the age of 18 years.

The Welfare of Children is everyone's responsibility and all children and young people have a right to have fun, be safe and be protected from harm.

Child Protection Policy

Southwark Aquatics has, through its constitution, committed to adopt the ASA "Wavepower 2016-19 - The Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures manual", in its entirety and without exception.

The Document is frequently revised and updated by the ASA, and all future amendments will be adopted immediately upon publication.

These Guidelines and Procedures affect **ALL** Members of Southwark Aquatics - the Coaching Staff, Committee Members, Swimmers and Parents/Carers - and everybody should make themselves aware of the content of these documents.

The document can be found here:

www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/.

Child Welfare Officer

Southwark Aquatics is required to have appointed a Child Welfare Officer, at all times, who is responsible not only for the day-to-day liaison with the ASA, but also for creating any specific additional policies as they affect the Club.

The Child Welfare Officer is also responsible for implementation of these policies and to take any action necessary to fulfil the requirements of that Role.

The safe guarding of any child associated with Southwark Aquatics is of paramount importance.

The Child Welfare Officer is also responsible for raising awareness of good child protection practice(s) among the Members as defined above.

Specific Policies – Southwark Aquatics

The Following additional Policies have been approved and form part of the Southwark Aquatics Child Protection Policy:



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DBS Checks

All Coaches and any person who has one-to-one contact with a child, within the remit of the Club, will be asked, and will be expected, to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check. This is simply a disclosure application form that is submitted by the Club and is renewable every 3 years.

Collection of Swimmers

Southwark Aquatics asks that parents/carers wait at the pool for the first 15 minutes of every session. This is to ensure that for any reason swimmers are not left unattended if the session starts late. Similarly parents/carers are asked to arrive 15 minutes before the end of the session in case a set ends early and the session finishes.

The club recommends that swimmers if under 13 years are accompanied by an adult to training. The club gives notice to parents/carers that they accept responsibility and the club takes no responsibility should parents/carers choose to allow their child under the age of 13 years to attend alone.

Current Club / Child Welfare Officer

Peter Turton is our current welfare officer:

You can contact Peter on 07932 050018.

Concerns

If you are concerned, or have concerns, regarding the Welfare of a Child, you can tell a Club Officer, such as the Child Welfare Officer, Club Chairman, Club Secretary, Coach or any Committee Member.

Alternatively, you can call Swimline on 0808 100 4001, or NSPCC Child Protection Helpline on 0808 800 500