



The latest on school swimming and water safety from Swim England

The Big School Swim – be a part of it

The Big School Swim is back for a third year - and this year we're taking it over five days from 12-16 November. We're all about learning through fun, so the enthusiasm for schools taking part and focusing on school swimming and water safety during term time last year was fantastic to see. This year there will be even more resources, fun games and hopefully lots of time in the water. Find out more about entering your school for the Big School Swim using the hashtag #BigSchoolSwim18 or visit swimming.org.

Relaunch of the School Swimming and Water Safety Charter

Some schools may already be signed up to the old ASA School Swimming Charter – created in 2014 to help make sure it's taken seriously within the PE curriculum, so that all pupils are leaving primary school able to swim the minimum 25 metres required by Government. So you may be interested to know, that it's being redesigned and brought in line with a new set of progressive outcomes and expected standards for the School Swimming and Water Safety framework.

What's included?

When schools re-new or sign up to the new Charter, they'll get a package of passports and stickers, pin badges, poolside syllabus guidance cards – and access to eight free downloadable Awards. Schools and lesson providers can access more content including schemes of work, guidance for planning and delivering lessons and lots more. Schools and lesson providers signed up to the Charter will also get a regular update from Swim England on everything relating to school swimming, such as lesson tips and dates for campaigns like School Swimathon and Swim Safe.

Using the Primary PE and Sports Premium

If schools want to sign up for the Charter they can use the Primary PE and Sports Premium to do so. Swim England and the Association for PE provide more information about using the Primary PE and Sports Premium and reporting attainment figures for swimming and water safety for year 6 pupils

Upskilling and training to teach swimming

The Swim England national curriculum training plan is open to anyone working in a school swimming environment: school teachers; classroom assistants; learning support staff; nursery nurses; qualified swimming teachers; parents; PGCE students - or other helpers. Using practical and theory, the training covers:

- Roles, responsibilities and relationships;
- Health and safety;
- Safeguarding and protecting children;
- Organisation of the learning environment;
- Physical literacy;
- Developing pupils core aquatic skills;
- Development of the swimming strokes;
- Swimming and water safety in the national curriculum;
- The four key water safety messages.

For more information on training options, visit www.swimming.org or the www.theiosonline.org