



West Wight Swimming Club

Supervision of swimmers when away from the club base.

Dear Parent,

Clubs have a duty of care to safeguard children in their club. This requires appropriate supervision when training in the home club and at away events. Dependent on the level of the swimmer, they may go to gala's and meets on a regular basis. Some parents may not choose to attend gala's or training events for a variety of reasons.

The Event Team

The Event Team is responsible for the wellbeing and safeguarding of swimmers under 18 years of age at the event from the moment of handover by the parent to the moment of return to the parent. The events team may consist of Coaches, Team Manager, Welfare Officer and Chaperones. The level of staff or volunteers present will depend on a variety of factors such as: the nature of the event, numbers and ages of children present, medical requirements or any special needs for the children attending.

Prior to any event that requires travel, the Team Manager will communicate with parents ensuring they have knowledge regarding the purpose of the event, travel arrangements, staffing arrangements for the event with details of staff and volunteers attending and their roles. You should also have been given a copy of the ASA and West Wight Swimming Club Transport Policy.

The role of the club Chaperone is to take on the role of a "responsible parent" for the swimmers for whom they are nominated as Chaperone. They will ensure their general care and wellbeing while on the trip and monitor their adherence to the code of conduct for the meet/gala. Chaperones adhere to 'Wavepower', the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. They will hold a current ASA CRB Certificate and will have completed a Child Safeguarding Course.

Parents will be asked to sign a Travel Parental Consent Form, agreeing to your child participating in gala's or training events with West Wight Swimming Club. This form should be returned to Helen Poynter, Membership Manager prior to any travel taking place.

Should parents have any concerns regarding the Welfare of their children when travelling with the Club, please do not hesitate to bring it to the attention of their Coach or the Club Welfare Officer.

Kind Regards

Club Welfare Officer