



Water Safety Policy

Swimming lessons

The school provides a trained Swimming Teacher (or equivalent) for every 15 pupils. One of these must be an educated lifesaver.

Every year, the Swimming Teachers must retake a pool test to ensure optimum help in the event of an emergency.

The Swimming Teachers (and Supply Teachers) must wear the regulatory swimming clothes provided by the school.

Bathing in connection with a trip or excursion

Bathing may only take place under safe conditions.

The teacher must ensure that the lake/river/seabed and the current do not present any danger. The bathing may take place only in an area that is restricted, is easy to supervise and where all is not out of their depth.

There should be at least two teachers present. One should remain on land and the other in the water, marking the furthest point of the restricted bathing area.

Both teachers should be prepared to swim and save lives if necessary.

There should not be more than 12 pupils in the water at any one time. The children should be in pairs in order to keep in contact with and look after each other.

Boating/sailing with pupils

Pupils who take part in sailing activities in school time are the school's responsibility. They require the same security as any other passenger. It cannot be taken for granted that the children are already experienced sailors. The boat must be officially approved as seaworthy and approved for commercial boating with pupils.

Canoes, rowing boats, surfboards and the like may ONLY be used if pupils are being taught as a lesson how to use them. In which case, the school should ensure that:

- the pupils have their parents' permission
- the parents are aware of the conditions the pupils are sailing under
- the pupils' participation is voluntary
- the pupils are equipped with approved CE marked life vests which match the weight of the individual pupil
- the pupils can swim at least 200m
- the sailing takes place near to the shoreline
- the number out sailing is known by the personnel on shore
- communication with shore is possible.

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