

RISK ASSESSMENT

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES



Location:... RIBBLESDALE POOL- School Swimming Lessons

Control of the infection and spread of coronavirus to, and by, staff and those attending for school swimming lessons. RVBC staff, School Teachers and school children are at risk from the spread of the virus from using the facilities for swimming lessons. The control measures identified, aim to address the potential for increased risk of infection due to the close proximity with others whilst carrying out the swimming activity with other participants, instructor and staff, and surface contact with an infected area.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action ?	When is the action needed by?	Done
The spread of Co-vid 19 to others whilst entering the building	Staff, Teachers and school children when entering the building and walking to the changing rooms	<p>On arrival at the Pool, school children are required to remain at the bottom of the entrance ramp. As the entrance rampway to the Pool does not permit sufficient social distancing as people walk towards and away from the entrance door, a control for avoiding the need to pass will involve signage positioned at both the bottom of the railings and at the entrance door which requests that people wait at either end of the rampway if it is not clear. A member of staff will advise when teachers and children can enter the building.</p> <p>A School Teacher will enter the number of children attending from the school on the attendance register at reception. The School must have a record of all the school children attending in the event that track and trace is necessary due to a member of school or Pool staff testing positive for Co-vid 19.</p> <p>All school staff and children attending the site are assumed to be feeling well and it is the responsibility of each user (Teacher or pupil); to monitor how they feel before making the journey to the Pool. If anyone is unwell and displaying Co-vid related symptoms, they must not attend the Pool for swimming lessons. If anyone begins to feel unwell during the short period that they are at the Pool, they will be asked to isolate in a designated part of the facility. The school staff will contact the school and ask for the parent / carer to come to the</p>				

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Customers using the changing Facilities	Persons at risk; All staff, School teachers and children	<p>facility to collect the child and take them straight home. If a carer/parent is unable to collect their child; then it is the school's responsibility for returning the child to school.</p> <p>Children attending swimming lessons are all to be part of the same 'bubble' that they conduct daily school life, and are able to change in respective male female changing areas as normal. The Male changing area has 6 individual cubicles and 2 changing benches for up to 8 children to use at one time. The capacity is therefore 14.</p> <p>The Female changing area has 15 individual cubicles and 2 x changing benches with a capacity of 8 to use at one time. The capacity is therefore 23.</p> <p>The changing benches are marked to enable spacing between individuals and places are clearly identified as were children should change. Each Cubicle and bench changing space has a locker number clearly marked either on the inside of the cubicle door or the changing bench</p> <p>The Family/ Disabled changing area has 2 separate self-contained changing/showering rooms; (allowing changing and showering for 2 boys or girls in each), and 2 changing areas (1 boy or girl in each); and will be utilised to accommodate any overspill that cannot be accommodated in the male or female changing areas as necessary.</p> <p>The changing facilities and Swimming Pools are exclusively for use by the school children and their teachers from entering until leaving the building after the lessons have concluded.</p> <p>Children should arrive at the Pool already changed to swim if possible. After the session children should towel down and change into school clothing in the changing rooms. Due to facility and time restraints it is requested that children do not shower unless there is a specific reason.</p>				

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The spread of Co-vid whilst taking part in Swimming Lessons	Persons at risk; All staff, School teachers and children	<p>An hour is to be allocated for each session which comprises of the lesson; (35 minutes) and changing/showering and cleaning of the changing facilities; (25 minutes). All the changing facilities utilised by children will be thoroughly sanitised before the next user group is permitted into the changing areas.</p> <p>Information on hygiene measures and social distancing measures required by those visiting the facility also to be displayed throughout the Pool Reception, Changing facilities and Poolside.</p> <p>Guidance on hand washing;- https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/</p> <p>There can be up to 3 group lessons taking place across the Main Pool and Teaching Pools depending upon the ability levels and maximum numbers per swimming teacher. 1 in the Teaching Pool and 2 in the Main Pool. The number attending for each lesson should not exceed a total of 30 children per session. The number per group will be determined by level of ability.</p> <p>Consideration will need to have been made in advance as to the splitting of school class bubbles from the classroom to the Pool groups to facilitate lesson delivery and avoid the need for social distancing measure were possible.</p> <p>All Swimming Teachers will deliver lessons from the Poolside and will not enter the water.</p> <p>Swimming teachers external to the school bubble must adhere to government guidelines on social distancing.</p>				

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		<p>School teachers and teaching assistants that are internal to the bubble can mirror the same procedures through swimming lessons as they do in the classroom</p> <p>Equipment that is utilised for the purposes of teaching swimming; including all floating aids is to be sanitized after use. Each child should utilise the same item of equipment for the duration of their lesson and no sharing of any item of equipment is permitted. The Pool water chlorine is an effective means of disinfection and all equipment used in delivery of a school lesson is to be submerged in the Pool water.</p>				
Lifeguards undertaking supervision of both Pools	Lifeguards and members of the public/swimmers	<p>In the event of a lifeguard needing to initiate and effect a rescue as an incident occurs this should be in line with the latest guidance issued by the RLSS; https://www.rlss.org.uk/news/rlss-uk-is-working-with-industry-experts-to-prepare-clear-guidance-for-safety-supervision-and-training-after-lockdown</p> <p>Lifeguards to help monitor the number of swimmers in the pools at any time in line with the bather restrictions imposed and to implement action as necessary to maintain a safe swimming distance is possible.</p>				

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		<p>Lifeguards to help direct swimmers in their movement around the pool sides to pool entry steps. Additional steps have been provided to enable access at 4 different positions; (2 shallow end and 2 deep end).</p> <p>Lifeguards to wipe down the chair and any contact points likely to be touched by hands as a lifeguard replaces another lifeguard on poolside supervising duty. Sanitising equipment to be available by both Lifeguard chairs.</p>				