

Parent/guardian Consent Form

Swimming or activities where being able to swim is essential

For all Day Excursions/Day Visits/ Residential / Overseas Visits and Extra Curricular Organised Team Games

Name of Establishment	
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1	<p>Policy in the United Kingdom</p> <p>The Education Department has a safety policy with regard to programmed and general swimming in school swimming pools which also applies when educational establishments use pools not owned by the authority. The department must be satisfied that pools used are suitable in terms of staffing arrangements for pupils, the formal qualification of supervisors and the provision of written operating procedures.</p>
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2	<p>Policy out with the United Kingdom</p> <p>When overseas visits are being planned and the use of a given swimming pool is intended, the leader or co-ordinator of the group will make every effort to carry out the full normal policy checks in advance but this may not always be practicable prior to the commencement of the excursion. In any event, there is always the possibility of other pools being used. It will also be appreciated that precise equivalencies between UK and overseas pool supervisory qualifications cannot always be established.</p> <p>It is the wish of the department, however, both to minimise the potential hazards of swimming and to recognise the enjoyment associated with the activity for pupils on visits overseas.</p> <p>To take account of the latter and to avoid a blanket ban on swimming in circumstances where it has not been possible to obtain the normal clearances before the group leaves the UK, it is proposed that leaders will require to establish the following conditions before approval for swimming in a particular pool is given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the condition of the pool is satisfactory including the clarity and depth of the water, and provision of a pool side telephone, the availability of a resuscitator and details of operating and emergency procedures; (2) That there are pool supervisors present with qualifications or teachers travelling in the party, who are qualified for the duty broadly in line with the department's existing policy; (3) That the number of pupils supervised by one pool supervisor is also broadly in line with normal policy. <p>Provided the leader is satisfied with all these criteria, then swimming may be permitted, otherwise pupils will not be permitted to swim.</p> <p>Teachers are issued with a checklist regarding swimming pools see Standard Circular APPENDIX ?</p> <p>Swimming in natural waters including the sea, lakes and rivers will not be permitted unless the precise normal policy conditions of the authority can be fully assured in advance.</p>
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Swimming Ability (must be completed for all Visits/Day Excursions / Visits/ Residential/ Overseas visits)

Name of Pupil _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Visit From _____

To _____

Please Tick

Is your child able to swim 50 meters? Yes No

Is your child confident in the water? Yes No

Is your child confident in the sea or in open inland water? Yes No

Is your child safety conscious in water? Yes No

1. I give permission for _____ to take part in the specified excursion and having read the information provided agree to him/ her taking part in the activities described
2. I consent to any emergency treatment required by my child during the course of the excursion
3. I consent to any emergency medical treatment required by my child during the course of the excursion
4. I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her fit to participate.

Parent/guardian full name _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Signed with regard to participating in activity 16 years of age and Over _____ Date _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Work _____

Home Address _____

Name, Address and Phone Number of Family Doctor

THIS FORM OR A COPY MUST BE CARRIED BY THE GROUP LEADER WHILE ON THE VISIT. A COPY SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE HEAD OF ESTABLISHMENT. CONSENT DOES NOT REMOVE THE NEED FOR GROUP LEADER TO ACERTAIN FOR THEMSELVES THE LEVEL OF PUPILS SWIMMING ABILITY.

