# RISK ASSESSMENT: School Swimming Lessons (At Life Leisure Facilities)

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| REF NO. | School swimming lessons (at Life Leisure facilities) | | |
| RISK ASSESSMENT CATEGORY | Activities | | |
| LOCATION | Pool | | |
| DATE OF ASSESSMENT | 13.8.19 | REVIEW DATE | 08.20 |
| CARRIED OUT BY | Sara Dixon | SIGNED |  |
| APPROVED BY | Seb Rowe | SIGNED |  |
| RELATED DOCUMENTS | Pool risk assessment- centre specific  Premises risk assessment- centre specific  PSOP- centre specific | | |
| NOTES | Updated to new format | | |

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| **HAZARD**  What are the Hazards? | **RISK OF/ RISK TO**  Who might be harmed and how? | **EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES**  What are you already doing? | **FURTHER ACTIONS**  What further action is necessary?  What is the remaining level of risk? | Action by whom | Action by when | Done |
| Young People taking part in the lessons may be inexperienced at swimming | Young people are at risk of drowning if not supervised, adequately instructed or without suitable equipment/apparatus | * All swimming lessons are supervised by a suitably qualified swimming teacher. * Pool Safety Operations Procedure targets an adequate number of qualified lifeguards present * Suitable equipment is available for young people to use to aid swimming * Young people are provided with instruction on first visit and this is reinforced on subsequent visits and before a designated fun session. Young people are instructed of the safety rules of the fun session and to stop, look and listen to whistles. * The swimming teacher keeps a record of swimming competency for each individual on the lesson * At the commencement of the lesson young people are assessed for swimming competency. * Classroom assistants in the water with special needs/disabled children. | * Continue to ensure that swimming teachers maintain a standard of qualification to carry out role appropriately. * Ensure that all Lifeguards used are suitably qualified * Prior to each session ensure suitable number of lifeguards are on duty * Risk Level MEDIUM | Sara Dixon  Senior Business Manager at each site  Swim teacher | Review Aug 2020 |  |
| Overcrowding as a result of too many young people in the lesson | Young People. Large numbers in a small area may lead to collisions, drowning. | * Ratio set as 1:20 or 1:35 if the school teacher is adequately trained to take a group. * Children are set off in waves. * Children do not wear goggles for fun session. | * Stay aware of updates in legislation / guidance related to numbers and ratios. * Risk Level **Low** | Sara Dixon | Review Aug 2020 |  |
| Unqualified / Inexperienced school teachers | Young people at risk of injury or drowning due to inadequate instruction, or lack of suitable supervision. | * Swimming teachers provide guidance to school teachers prior to commencement of lesson to confirm understanding * Where teachers are not comfortable, an additional swimming teacher is offered to cover the group | * Review procedure to ensure this is adequate enough * Risk Level **Low** | Sara Dixon | Review Aug 2020 |  |
| Premises | Young People, teachers, spectators – various risks | * A centre specific risk assessment has been carried out | * Ensure that premises risk assessment at up-to-date and relevant to include all potential hazards * Risk Level **Low** | Health & Safety Champion at each wet site | Review Aug 2020 |  |
| Other General Pool hazards | Young People, Teachers – various risks | * A centre specific risk assessment has been carried out | * Ensure that premises risk assessment is up-to-date and relevant to include all potential hazards * Risk Level **Low** | Health & Safety Champion at each wet site | Review Aug 2020 |  |