

Swimming

For the 2017 to 2018 academic year, schools must publish how many pupils within their year 6 cohort are meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

This condition has been added in response to recommendations from the Swim Group, who reviewed curriculum swimming and water safety in primary schools.

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Swimming is an important skill and can encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. All Local Authority schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. The programme of study for PE sets out the expectation that pupils should be taught to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Swimming and Water Safety	
•What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	70%
•What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke] when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	60%
•What percentage of your Year 6 pupils could perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations when they left your primary school at the end of last academic year?	60%
•Schools can choose to use the primary PE and sport premium to provide additional provision for swimming but this must be for activity over and above the national curriculum requirements. Have you used it in this way?	No Action 2018/19

2018/19 Academic Years swimming Targets

- To achieve at least 20% increase in the number of competent swimmers in Year 6. Year 6 children who cannot swim will continue swimming with other year groups or provided with extra swimming sessions to achieve this target.
- All non-swimmers provided with extra swimming sessions.
- Increase the number of children successfully swimming using different swimming strokes by at least 15%.
- To increase the number of Year 6 children achieving safe self-rescue to above 60%.
- Year 6 Teachers will attend the IOS School swimming teacher qualification (Schedules to take part in October 2018 via the Inspire+ membership).
- Other teachers provided with the CPD opportunity to attend the IOS School swimming teacher qualification.
- Swimming data to be tracked so that teachers can evaluate who might need extra swimming support.
- Extra swimming lessons to be available from parent (parent trained to teach swimming – currently a swimming teacher).
- Possible PE apprentice available to support extra swimming sessions or provide non-swimmer poolside assistance.
- Teachers to join non-swimmers in the pool and provide 1to1 support.