

INTRODUCTION TO CLUB FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

WEY VALLEY SWIMMING CLUB www.wvsc.co.uk

On behalf of *Wey Valley Swimming Club* we would like to welcome you to the club and provide you with some information about our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people from age 3 upwards to learn to swim and to receive coaching and development for competition up to county standard level. All teaching and coaching is delivered by ASA qualified teachers and coaches who have been screened for their suitability for working with young people. The club provides opportunities for young people age 14 to 24 to train and work as volunteer helpers, teachers and officials. We welcome parents to all training sessions and competitions and value your support. We actively involve parents in the club and would like to invite you to find out more by talking to us on pool side and by email through the club website. Do please tell us about you and your skills and get involved through volunteering. Here is some of the essential information you need to know to get started.

When you join you complete a membership form and your child is allocated to a training session(s) on the basis of an assessment of their current ability in the water. Your details of membership are then entered on the club database which enables the treasurer to send you an invoice by post three times a year with details of term dates and the cost of training/membership. Payment is due on 1st January, 1st May and 1st September. Please pay promptly and note that if fees are not paid within 30 days your child cannot be allowed to swim because they will not be covered by the club's insurance policy. When you join you agree to abide by the club rules, these and other important information can be found on the club website and notice board. We will supply paper copies on request. We would like to draw your attention in particular to the club's code of conduct for parents/guardians.

You are responsible for bringing your child to training and collecting them and for supervising them in the pool changing rooms. Please ensure they arrive promptly so they are changed and ready and waiting on pool side for registration 5 minutes before the allotted start time. Your child should not swim if he or she is unwell. Please speak to your child's teacher/coach on a regular basis to discuss their progress and the targets they are working towards. If you have any concerns about your child's welfare or progress that are not answered to your satisfaction by their teacher you can also speak to the club Welfare Officer (Debs Wantsall) or the Weekend Teacher (Jeni Colbourne) or the Head Coach (Chris Beckett). Our phone numbers are given below and you can email us through the club website.

Club training kit (for 1 hour sessions) consists of *costume, hat, flippers, kick board, pull buoy, water bottle, goggles*. Kit can be obtained from the club kit shop from Lesley Young (details below) and you can order through the club website. The club is run by volunteers and the kit shop is run on a not for profit basis with any surplus made being used to fund swimmer and club development activities. Products are well researched and represent good value for money. Club colours are black and red (mandatory for swimmers selected to represent the club in competition).

When you completed the membership form you were asked to provide details of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident while at the club. For the safety of your child please ensure you tell us of any change in this information promptly. Also ensure we have your up to date home and emergency contact details. If your child has special needs please tell their teacher so we can optimise the session to suit your child's learning and enjoyment.

Each term your child's ability and progress will be assessed and your child will have the opportunity to gain awards. The club uses ASA awards schemes for both teaching and competitive skill development. You and your child should record their progress in a club log book and through purchase of badges and awards. Competitive performance is assessed continuously by teacher/coach and also at events (time trials and the club championships) held each term. Please ensure that your child is available to take part in these events as advertised on the website and in handouts. Participation is mandatory for swimmers who wish to train in weekday squad sessions, to be selected to represent the club in a team or to take part in local competitions (open meets).

Contact Information

Club Website www.wvsc.co.uk

Weekend Teacher	Jeni Colbourne	01483 306004	all you need to know (and more) about the club.
Junior Coach	Kate Colbourne	01483 306004	
Head Coach	Chris Beckett	01252 328261	
Welfare Officer	Deborah Wanstall	01483 821477	Links to our sponsors and other swimming or community resources.
Club Kit Manager	Lesley Young	01483 835501	
Treasurer	Ian Dobson	01483 579010	Look up your achievements and those of your friends.
Team Manager	Sue Webb	01483 533450	