

**Risk Assessment for Swimming pool use at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School**

**Produced in line with 'Returning to the pool', published by Swim England**

**This document is to be used alongside the school's Coronavirus Risk Assessment, and our Pool Safety Operating Procedures**

Hazard / What could go wrong?	Who may be harmed?	What is done now that helps control the risk?	Is the risk still high, medium or low?	What extra controls need to be put in place?	Actions and Staff Member Responsible
Virus transmitted through physical contact	Children, volunteers and staff	<p>Staff should not be in the pool with the children, and instead should teach from the poolside.</p> <p>Alternative to physical support should be used, including use of swimming aids and teacher modelling from the side of the pool.</p> <p>Teachers will employ guidance and teaching strategies described in 'Returning to the pool', published by Swim England.</p> <p>Physical contact will be required to help any children in difficulty in the water, or requiring first aid.</p> <p>A one-way system will be in place, whereby the pool area will be accessed through the internal door, and left through external doors (weather permitting), to avoid bottlenecks that would risk bubbles mixing.</p>	Low	Monitoring of effectiveness of these procedures.	DHT

		<p>Children to carry shoes into the changing room, rather than use the shelves, so they can exit via the external door (weather permitting).</p> <p>Timings of sessions must be strictly adhered to, to avoid groups waiting in the small space outside the pool door.</p> <p>Teachers to clean the door handles once the second group has left.</p> <p>Class R, 1 and 2 pupils will not swim until term 5. Parents will be encouraged to take children swimming so they are familiar with being in the water by Easter.</p>			
Virus transmitted through touching of surfaces	Children, volunteers and staff	<p>Children will have cleaned their hands before entering the pool area.</p> <p>If another class are due to use the pool that day, changing rooms and seating to be thoroughly cleaned after the first group have used it.</p>	Low	Monitoring of daily cleaning	SM
Virus transmitted through sharing of equipment.	Children	<p>Equipment used in the pool will be sanitised by the water, so there is no requirement to clean equipment between sessions.</p> <p>In order to help maintain appropriate distances between them, children should not share equipment.</p>	Low		CT
Virus transmitted to or from parent helpers	Children, volunteers and staff	A very small number of parents may join groups to provide specific and necessary support to their children so that they can access swimming sessions. These are considered to be	Low		CT

		<p>essential visitors.</p> <p>Helpers should clean or sanitise hands on entering the school building.</p> <p>Helpers will maintain appropriate distance when fulfilling their role, and will only support their own child.</p>			
Virus transmitted from or to visitors from other schools.	Children, volunteers and staff	<p>Pupils and staff from visiting schools will access the pool from the external doors, unless the weather makes this impossible, to reduce the need for them to enter the school building.</p> <p>Pupils and staff will follow the procedures outlined above.</p> <p>Staff will clean door handles as they depart.</p> <p>Changing areas and seating will be cleaned before and after sessions run by visiting schools and external swimming providers.</p>	Low	Monitoring of cleaning before and after sessions run by visiting schools.	SM