



At St. Barnabas and St. Paul's, we are guided by our Christian Values and we endeavour to 'Be the best for God you can be.'

Mission Statement:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself' - Matthew 22:37

Trust:

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding'
Proverbs 3:5

Compassion:

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself'
Matthew 22:37

Thankfulness:

'Be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life'
Thessalonians 5:18

Hope:

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength'
Isaiah 40:31

Perseverance:

'I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance'
Revelations 2:19

Forgiveness:

'For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you'
Mathew 6:14

Swimming Policy

Mission Statement

At St Barnabas & St Paul's Church of England Primary School, we want all of our children to be happy, healthy & safe. We value the positive contribution each child makes, which enables them to aim high, enjoy learning and succeed.

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself". In our school community, we aim to live by this, welcoming children and their families from all cultures and faiths.

Why we provide swimming lessons at St Barnabas and St Paul's Primary School

- To meet the requirements of the National Curriculum;

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, 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
- To develop the personal and social development of children and their health and well-being
 - To promote a valuable life skill.

Tragically, drowning is still the third highest cause of accidental death in the UK, but that's not the only reason to teach your child to swim. You'll give them the gift of a lifelong enjoyable activity that will help them keep fit and healthy, as well as improve enjoyment of holidays and prepare them for a whole host of potential water sports. Swimming also offers a unique bonding experience and is one of those few leisure activities that people of all ages can do together. Huffington Post 22/07/2014

How we will organise swimming at St Barnabas and St Paul's Primary School

Swimming at St Barnabas and St Paul's Primary School features rather heavily in our PE curriculum. We have swimming lessons commencing across the year to give our children the best opportunity to meet the national standards. Swimming takes place from year 3 to year 5. Therefore, giving our children the opportunity to develop and improve their swimming throughout the primary phase. Swimming lessons last approximately 45 minutes and count as one of the classes' weekly PE lesson. Children walk to the swimming baths by their class teacher and teaching assistants.

Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the members of staff in charge:

- The welfare of children in changing room
- Overall maintenance of good discipline
- Counting children into and out of the building and recording these numbers so that they are visible
- Marking the attendance register at the swimming baths
- Ensuring the water safety of all children and maintain a safe working environment
- Confirm any relevant medical information with the swimming instructors
- Make arrangements about the provision for children with special needs and confirm risk assessment
- Adhere to health and safety requirements.

The role of the PE subject leader:

- To undertake a risk assessment of the school's swimming provision and monitor its implementation
- To report to the governing body on the impact of the school's swimming provision if requested
- Ensure the recommended teacher ratios are adhered to
- To set up timetables for appropriate year groups.

The swimming instructor will:

- Possess DBS clearance

- Have full ASA Teachers Award or an STA equivalent as well as a life-saving award recognised by Health and Safety Unit
- Possess a relevant First Aid certificate
- Make sure all children and teachers know safety drills
- Have all equipment ready and in the correct place in the teaching area
- Consult with the accompanying teacher and agree arrangements to be made about the provision for children with special needs and confirm risk assessment
- Ensure children know the procedure for the start/end of lesson, their grouping and assigned area of pool and teacher
- To assess and record pupil progress
- Organise classes according to:
 - Class numbers.
 - Pupil ability.
 - Numbers of teachers/adult helpers

Behaviour

The swimming pool is a place of work and should be treated as a classroom with the same rules regarding behaviour.

Swimming Kit

Girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys should wear swimming trunks (not baggy 'board shorts'). All children with long hair should wear a swim hat, with girls ensuring that their hair is tied up. We do not encourage beginner swimmers to wear goggles unless a doctor's note is provided.

Attendance

All parents must ensure that their children attend all allocated lessons as swimming is a statutory part of the National Curriculum. Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from this statutory element of the National Curriculum, unless the child has an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan). Older children are encouraged to be independent in terms of organising their swimming kits. Parents of children returning from an illness that would prevent them from swimming for a short period of time must provide the school with medical evidence of the illness in order that they may be excused from the lesson. Should a child not be able to swim for an extended period of time, a Doctor's letter must be provided.

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