

Swimming information Belgrave Primary School 2020-21

This information aims to give up to date information on the current swimming program at Belgrave Primary school. It will outline National Curriculum requirements, how we ensure quality swimming tuition and effective monitoring and evaluation. It will also give results for the end of the academic year 2019-2020.

Swimming data for the academic Year of 2019-2020

100 per cent of children leaving Year 6 Belgrave Primary school in 2019/20 were able to swim 25 metres assessed in either front or back crawl.

National curriculum Requirements.

Swimming and water safety is a statutory part of the National Curriculum, with the aim that by the age of 11 (the end of key stage 2) all pupils should be taught to:

- swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back
- use a range of recognised stroke and personal survival skills (such as front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface dives)

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- All children have 30 hours of swimming lessons.
- Lessons start in year 3 and continue until to year 5.
- All pupils have 10 lessons per year and where necessary additional staffing will be put in place for SEND pupils.

Ensuring quality swimming tuition.

We aim to ensure a knowledgeable, confident and capable workforce that deliver high quality swimming and water safety lessons to all children in Key Stage 1 or 2.

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- All teaching staff and teaching assistants who will be teaching swimming lessons have the Certificate of teaching school swimming (Module 1).
- We also employ an ASA qualified swimming coach with a current up to date lifesaving certificate.
- The pool also has qualified life guards at the pool when swimming lessons take place.
- Currently 8 teachers and 2 teaching assistants have the module 1 swimming certificate.

- This ensures if a member of staff is off sick or training we have staff that can cover with the appropriate qualifications.
- Once assessed, children are split into 3 swimming ability groups.
- One qualified member of staff will work with each group.
- The qualified swimming coach works with the non-swimmers.

Ensuring effective monitoring and evaluation.

Each year children are evaluated in the first lesson by the ASA swimming coach. In this assessment they will be asked to try and swim a width in any stroke. From this the swimming coach and staff will then put the children into 3 groups for the following sessions.

In the 9th session children will be evaluated to see if they can swim 25 metres in either back crawl or front crawl.

Teaching staff will record the results of the evaluation to pass on to the next class teacher and the PE coordinator to ensure continuity and standards.

All parents in year 3 are informed of the outcome of their child's 25 metre swimming assessment in their end of year report . This reporting of progress to parents will continue into years 4 and 5 from 2019 following discussion with the governing body.

For any child who has not completed 25 metres at the end of year 5 an intensive 5 day swimming course is provided in Year 6 free of charge. A school non-swimming audit is completed and used to track the progress of the school swimming programme. Any non-swimmers are then invited to the intensive swimming sessions provided by the School Sports partnership. Booster lessons are conducted in the summer term.

Swimming data for the academic Year of 2018-19

100 per cent (30/30 children) of children leaving Year 6 were able to swim 25 metres assessed in either front or back crawl.

‘Annual research by Swim England shows that since 2012 only 50% of children aged 7-11 years have met the required swimming standard.’ (1)

Reference document. Recommendations to ensure all children leave primary school able to swim (2017). Swim Group Review of Curriculum Swimming and Water Safety Lessons.