



Code of Conduct for Parents

- Encourage your child to swim, never force them.
- Ensure your child is on the poolside on time for training with the correct kit. Ensure that you or another adult nominated by you are there on time at the end of the session to pick up your child. The Club is unable to act as a babysitting service or to supervise the changing areas. Coaches often go straight on to coach another squad and cannot be responsible for your child if you are late or if there is no other adult present who is taking responsibility for them. Parents / guardians of all children under 8yrs old must stay on the premises at all times during the session.
- If you leave an older child and you will be responsible for collecting them, please inform the Coach and ensure that you have left your contact details with another parent of a swimmer in the same squad before you leave. You must also inform that parent if you cannot be back before the end of the session. The Club accepts it has a duty of care to look after an unattended swimmer in unforeseen circumstances but should this be repeated or regular, necessary action would need to be taken.
- Ensure that the Club has up to date contact (including emergency contact) numbers for you.
- Inform the Coach before training of any illness / injury your child may have. Do not interrupt the Coach while coaching unless asked to do so or in an emergency. If you wish to speak to the coach about your child, please speak to them at the start of a session to arrange a suitable time.
- In your dealings with your child's Coach, treat the Coach with respect and in the same manner as you would wish to be treated.
- Focus on your child's efforts rather than winning or losing. Do not punish your child for mistakes.
- Provide positive verbal feedback after training and competition but leave the coaching to the coaching staff.
- Be realistic about your child's ability; do not push them beyond that which they are capable of achieving.
- Take an interest in your child's progress by watching training sessions and galas.
- Show appreciation of good swimming by all swimmers from all clubs.
- Respect decisions made by coaches and officials and encourage swimmers to do the same.

- Keep payments of Club, ASA registration and entry fees up to date.
- Bullying of any kind (whether that be Emotional, Physical, Racist, Sexual, Homophobic and Verbal, but not limited to these), will not be tolerated.

Breaches of the Code for Parents by parents will normally be reported to the secretary of the Club's management committee and dealt with in accordance with ASA guidelines. Sanctions for breach of any Code may include a verbal or written warning or suspension from Club activities. The Club also has the right under its constitution to suspend or expel a swimmer for breaches by the relevant parent of the Code for Parents.