



Keeping Safe at Lazonby Pool

Guidance for Child Supervision

The following **COMPULSORY** rules are in line with our Organisational policies and insurance requirements to support the safe supervision of children and non-swimmers in our Swimming Pool.

They follow national guidelines which are also adopted at other local pools.

The following approach for the supervision of children and non-swimmers is **COMPULSORY at Lazonby Pool**

ALL children under the age of 10 **MUST** be accompanied to the Pool by a parent or adult.

ALL children under the age of 8 **MUST** always be accompanied in the water and changing areas by a parent or adult, during public and private sessions.

ALL non-swimmers **MUST** always be accompanied in the water by a parent or adult.

The ratio for adult to child/children is:

- ◆ for babies and toddlers: 1:1
- ◆ for children age 3 to 5: 1:2
- ◆ for older children with swim aids: 1:3

The ratio will need to be reduced to 1:1 **WHEN** the Pool is particularly busy or the lifeguard deems this is necessary.

A parent or adult is defined as someone over the age of sixteen or younger if the person is the biological parent of the child or children.

The parent **MUST** be in the water with the children. They must maintain a constant watch over them and be in close contact with those of the children who are weak or non-swimmers.

Parents who are supervising children must themselves determine that they have the required competence to undertake this task.

RLSS: The Lifeguard, Swimming Pool and Supervision

**Our Lifeguards are trained to follow the following control measures when
‘unsupervised children under 8 years old are present
in or around the Pool’ :**

- ◇ Act immediately where a child under 8 is not supervised.
- ◇ Speak with the child to find out who they are with and rejoin them with their parent or guardian.
- ◇ Use their team or line manager to support if they are not able to identify who is responsible for the child—at Lazonby Pool this will include the Kiosk Volunteer.

Other measures recommended by RLSS :

- ◇ Admission policy within the Pool timetables
- ◇ Signage displaying policy
- ◇ Reception (Kiosk Volunteers) play an important role when selling tickets by checking that adequate supervision is in place.

This guidance is in line with:

- ◇ **CIMSPA Guidance Note: GN014**
‘Parental and operator guidance for child supervision policies in swimming pools
- ◇ **RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) -
The Lifeguard National Pool Lifeguard Qualification**
- ◇ **HSE—Health & Safety Executive**
‘HSG179– Guidance in Managing Health and Safety in Swimming Pools’

**These guidelines are compulsory for all public sessions
and private hire of the Pool.**

**School swimming lessons or any instructor led sessions
will follow the recommended Guidelines for those sessions.**

If you have any questions about this policy,

Please contact a member of the Pool Committee or:

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