

Wren's Nest Primary School – Swimming Statement



All schools are required to publish the following information for their current Year 6 cohort:

Meeting national curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety:	% of Y6 children Sept 2023	% of Y6 children Sept 2024
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres?	40%	53%
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]?	42%	49%
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations?	40%	47%
Schools can choose to use the Primary PE and Sport Premium to provide additional provision for swimming but this must be for activity over and above the national curriculum requirements. Have you used it in this way?	No	No

Wren's Nest Primary School is situated in the heart of the Black Country on a council estate, which has local ponds and the canal in the immediate vicinity. The school has 62% children eligible for the Pupil Premium.

The Governing Body have agreed for many years the decision to invest our resources – both time and budget, in teaching Year 2 and 3 to swim. Our rationale is based on the fact that the vast majority of our children do not attend private swimming lessons and cannot yet swim by the time they are seven and many children have a genuine fear of the water and do not know how to get themselves out of the water onto the poolside. Governors felt that the top priority for Wren's Nest is to teach all children to swim a short distance and practice techniques for climbing out of a steep sided pool. Both these skills would be lifesaving skills if a child should fall into either the local ponds or canal.

The cost of taking children swimming during the 2022/23 academic Year is £6,665. This is supported by parental contributions of £1,350 but there is a net cost of £5,315. This money is taken out of the school main budget and not the Sports Premium budget.

Governors continue to support the investment in children's safety and life skills in KS1 and early KS2 and believes it is of higher importance than teaching the children a range of strokes and competencies in KS2. Although doing this as well would be beneficial and enjoyable for the children, the school is not in a financial position to be able to support swimming in Year 2, Year 3 and Upper KS2.

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