

Wren's Nest Primary School – Swimming Statement



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

<i>Meeting national curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety:</i>	% of Y6 children July 2025	% of Y6 children July 2026
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres?	53%	56%
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]?	49%	54%
What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations?	47%	52%
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

Swimming Strategy Statement

Wren's Nest Primary School is situated in the heart of the Black Country, with local ponds and canals in close proximity to the school and the community we serve. Approximately 57% of our pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

For many years, the Governing Body has made the strategic decision to invest school resources in providing swimming lessons for pupils in Years 2 and 3. This decision is based on the needs of our children and the importance of water safety within our local environment.

Many of our pupils do not have access to private swimming lessons and are unable to swim when they join Key Stage 1. Some children also have limited confidence in the water and require support to develop essential water safety skills. Governors believe that the highest priority is ensuring that every child can move confidently through the water, swim a short distance and practise safe methods of exiting the pool independently.

These skills are potentially life-saving and are particularly important given the waterways located within our local community. Lessons also include age-appropriate water safety education, helping pupils understand risks associated with open water environments such as canals, ponds and reservoirs.

The cost of providing swimming lessons during the 2025-26 academic year was £7,525. Parents contributed £880 towards these costs, with the remaining £6,645 funded directly from the school's core budget rather than the PE and Sport Premium.

Governors remain committed to this investment because they believe that developing water confidence, basic swimming ability and water safety awareness at an early age has the greatest impact on pupil safety and wellbeing.

Many of pupils who participate in the programme develop sufficient confidence to enter the water safely, move independently through the water and exit the pool unaided. This represents significant progress for many children who begin the programme with little or no previous swimming experience.

The strategy is reviewed annually to ensure it continues to meet the needs of pupils and represents the best use of available resources.

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