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# Swim Academy NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME TO THE SWIM ACADEMY AT WANDSWORTH POOLS

This is our first newsletter and contains lots of important and exciting information.

## Future progression of the Swim Academy at Wandsworth Pools.

As of January 2008, Wandsworth Pools Swimming Lessons will change from our current termly programme to being available throughout the year, with students being continuously assessed rather than just at the end of a course. We feel this will benefit you the customer & the swimmers in many ways including:

- Children learn to swim quicker with fewer breaks in their learning
- Allows the child to progress quickly if they achieve the criteria, saving money in the long run
- Reduces the need to queue at enrolment
- Reduces the burden of a one-off payment

### Payment made easy:

- **Direct Debit** - Your specific account will be debited every month to help to spread the costs of the years swimming lessons. Your child will then be given a membership card, which will entitle swimmers to **FREE** casual swimming during public sessions across all of Wandsworth pools, including Tooting Bec Lido, throughout the year. You will also receive a swimming hat, a badge and a certificate when the swimmer progresses.
- **Or Period Payment (course payment)** – Pay up front for 12 weeks and then re-enrol, receiving the same benefits as direct debit payers.

## Swimming Programme

- DC Leisure is committed to providing an excellent swimming lesson programme and has achieved the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) national award for outstanding commitment to swimming teaching for the last 4 years. We work closely with the ASA as the National Governing body for swimming who provide the training and development of our teachers, in addition to ensure students are receiving the most up to date guidance our teachers work to the ASA's National Plan for Teaching Swimming (NPTS).
- The NPTS aims to set a national standard for performance, providing consistency throughout the country. There is a standard for what we expect swimmers to achieve and how we expect them to do it. Therefore, if you need to move class or to a different learn to swim programme you can ensure continuity of lesson standards and assessments.
- Work in direct link to the ASA Awards Scheme. There are 12 National Swim Awards in total. The following outlines how the National Swim Awards correspond to our current children's swim programme.

Level 1 - Certificates Level 1 and 2

Level 2 - Certificates Level 3 and 4

Level 3 - Certificates Level 5 and 6

Level 4 - Certificates Level 7 and 8

Level 5 - Certificates Level 9 and 10

Level 6 - Certificates Level 11 and 12

Group lessons are also available for ages 4 months and up. Subject to availability.

## Teaching Standards

- 1) Our teachers are committed to a programme of continued professional development, which involves attending seminars on various relevant topics.
- 2) Lessons are assessed throughout the year, to ensure consistency and quality within our swimming programmes.
- 3) Our teachers and assistants are appropriately qualified to ASA Levels 1 and 2.

## Swimming Hats

At the Wandsworth Pools will have introduced the use of swimming hats throughout our lessons. The hats are colour coded relevant to the level of the swimmer and are for course identification. Each swimmer will receive a free hat at the beginning of their course, however if you wish to purchase a replacement hat, they will be available at reception.

### Benefits of wearing a swimming hat:

- Increase hygiene so a cleaner pool.
- Clear identification of class type
- Children can aspire to the coloured hat for the next level.
- Quality of lessons improved.

Level	Colour hat
Non-Swimmer 1 & 2	Yellow
Beginners	Blue
Improver 1	Green
Improver 2	Orange
Advanced 1	Red
Advanced 2	Purple

## CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

The Wandsworth Pools would be grateful for your thoughts regarding the Swim Academy and any future developments you would like to see. Please could you write any comments in the area below and return to your nearest Centre.

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