

DASC @ Longfield School Pool
Changes to Entry from Monday 30 January 2012

As from **Monday 30th January** would all DASC swimmers, parents and coaches please note:

- They should use the other school driveway higher up Longfield Road and park at the front of the main school in the new parking bays
- They should enter school by the main front door and sign in at Reception
- They should walk through school as directed by staff
- Swimmers are to enter the changing rooms by the doors from the PE corridor, get changed and go onto poolside via the footbath
- Parents and coaches are to enter the poolside by the usual external door, being sure to use the blue plastic overshoes or to remove their footwear. Shut the external door after you to help keep the poolside temperature constant
- Leave the pool in the same way and sign out at Reception
- The security gates will be locked so that parking near the pool or in the inner playground will not be possible

Longfield School has asked us to try this process again. They are aware of the problems we had last time we attempted this and are keen to ensure that they don't happen again.

The main aim behind this change is to try to keep the poolside as clean as possible, so that the level of chemicals required to keep the pool water safe to swim in can be reduced to the minimum required, and the side effects of the disinfecting chemicals minimised.

Longfield School aims to keep the water temperature between 28 and 29 degrees to improve the effectiveness of the chemicals. This is lower than it has been in the past. They aim to have the air temperature at a level to minimise condensation on the poolside.

The external door to the pool is one of the emergency exits from it so should remain unlocked during the session. The layout of the building means that the doors to the changing rooms from the PE corridor must also remain unlocked as they are emergency exits. Please be aware of this and ensure that swimmers do not leave valuables in the changing rooms. It may be a good idea for the coach/squad rep/volunteer parent to have a box on poolside for valuables to be kept in or better still if valuables are left at home.

For reasons of Child Protection, it would be preferable if parents do not go in the changing rooms. If there is a problem this should be a matter for discussion with the coach.

Longfield School has already invested money in the pool especially in the plant to run it and will continue working to improve the facilities for all users. In the meantime they have asked us to work with them in this way.

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