

Swimming Information Belgrave Primary School 2024–2025

This information aims to give up-to-date information on the current swimming programme at Belgrave Primary School. It will outline National Curriculum requirements, how we ensure quality swimming tuition and effective monitoring and evaluation. It will also give results for the end of academic year 2023–2024.

Swimming data for the academic year 2023–2024

93% of children leaving Year 6 at Belgrave Primary School in 2023–2024 were able to swim 25 metres unassisted in either front or back crawl.

National Curriculum Requirements

Swimming and water safety is a statutory part of the National Curriculum, with the aim that by the age of 11 (end of Key Stage 2) all pupils should be taught to:

- Swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- Use recognised arm and leg actions, lying on their front and back.
- Use a range of recognised stroke and personal survival skills (such as front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, sculling, floating and surface dives).

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- All children have 24 hours of swimming lessons.
- Lessons start in Year 3 and continue until Year 5.
- All pupils have 8 lessons per year and where necessary additional staffing will be put in place for SEND pupils.
- Any child who at the end of Year 5 is unable to swim 25 metres unassisted is then invited to Chester SSP intensive top-up swimming lessons.

Ensuring Quality Swimming Tuition

We aim to ensure a knowledgeable, confident and capable workforce that delivers high-quality swimming and water safety lessons to all children in Key Stage 1 or 2.

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- All teaching staff and teaching assistants who will be teaching swimming lessons have the Certificate of Teaching School Swimming (Module 1) Award.
- We also employ via CEPD a qualified ASA swimming coach with a current up-to-date lifesaving certificate.
- The pool also has qualified life guards at the pool when swimming lessons take place.

- Currently 7 teachers and 1 teaching assistant have the module 1 swimming certificate ensuring that we are fully covered for if a member of staff is off or unavailable.
- children are assessed in the first session of their swimming lessons in each year and then split into 3 swimming ability groups.
- Each group will have a qualified member of staff with them.
- The ASA swimming coach always works with the non-swimmers.

Ensuring Effective Monitoring and Evaluation

Each year children are evaluated in their first lesson by the ASA swimming coach. This assessment is used to put the children into 3 groups for the following session.

In the 7th session, children will be evaluated to see if they can swim 25 metres in either back crawl or front crawl.

Teaching staff will record the results of the evaluation to pass on to the next class teacher and the PE coordinator to ensure continuity and standards.

All parents are informed of the outcome of their child's 25-metre swimming assessment in their end-of-year report.

For any child who is not able to complete 25 metres at the end of Year 5, an intensive swimming course is run in Year 6 by the Chester SSP free of charge. A school non-swimmer audit is completed and used to track the progress of the school swimming programme. These booster sessions are held in the summer term.