# KAL SCHOOL SWIMMING

Information Brochure

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# Introduction to KAL School Swimming

The KAL School Swimming service prioritises delivering a quality service for school swimming. We follow the Swim England School Swimming Charter to successfully achieve the National Curriculum outcomes, maintaining attainment above the national average. We are a National Awarding winning service for primary schools with a partnership approach, co-ordinating all programming and transport arrangements where required and available to meet with schools upon request.

## Our Vision

KAL's Vision is to improve health & wellbeing, with a key element of this being to create the opportunity for every child in Kirklees to learn to swim

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## Our Aim

Our aim is to provide a fun, safe and high-quality environment for all children to have the opportunity to learn to swim, be safe around water and have an active, enjoyable experience.

KAL want to promote and create life-long participation in physical activity, inspire and encourage future generations and deliver a high-quality, high-achieving school swimming programme, working in partnership with local schools.

## Our Core Offer

Our core offer is the delivery of a 19-week programme with a minimum pool session of 50 minutes per week. Our delivery incorporates all the National Curriculum outcomes for swimming in a fun and safe environment.

KAL will collate and provide an annual statistics report for your school and newsletters to update schools on development and opportunities. Every school choosing the KAL School Swimming Service will become a 'KAL School Swimming Partner' and also include registration to Swim England's School Swimming Charter

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# KAL School Swimming Programme

KAL's School Swimming delivery model provides a minimum of a 50-minute lesson for 19 weeks, for one target year group in Key Stage 2, split into 2 terms.

KAL also offer 25-to-30-minute lessons for 39 weeks for SEND school sessions and additional special provision sessions are available upon request.

KAL work towards delivering the National Curriculum outcomes throughout the programme as follows:

- Swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres.
- Use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke).
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

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## Statistics Process

KAL complete a Baseline Assessment at the beginning of the term for each school. This gives the instructors a good understanding of the competency of the class.

At the end of the Academic year KAL will send to each school the number of pupils able to complete the Baseline Assessment in the first 2 weeks of Term and also the number of pupils that are able to achieve the National Curriculum outcomes, therefore showing the school the clear progress the children have made.

## Facilities

KAL aim to provide schools with the facility that is closest to your school whenever possible. We believe that promoting the local leisure facility within the community will encourage long term participation, supporting the health and wellbeing of local children and their families.

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KAL facilities can host 40 pupils per session at all pools and larger groups of 60 at Spen Valley Leisure Centre and Batley Sports & Tennis Centre.

The KAL School Swimming Service operates from the following facilities -

- Batley Sports & Tennis Centre
- Colne Valley Leisure Centre
- Holmfirth Pool & Fitness Centre
- Huddersfield Leisure Centre
- Salendine Nook High School
- Scissett Baths
- Spen Valley Leisure Centre



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We recommend Year 5 as the target year group for school swimming. If the target Year group exceeds the maximum capacity for the pool additional allocation sessions will be provided.

KAL facility videos are available to share with pupils prior to the first visit. These are available via Kirklees Business Solutions

## Changing Facilities

All of the facilities used for the KAL School Swimming Service have suitable changing facilities. If there are children who require any special assistance or arrangements, please contact: schoolswimming.admin@kal.org.uk

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# KAL School Swimming Transport

The KAL School Swimming Service provide the transport when required for Kirklees Primary Schools. The cost of transport is included in the price per pupil above.

KAL work in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) who manage the transport provision for KAL.

The transport provision, as with the number of sessions given, will be based on pupil numbers from the Kirklees School Census. KAL aim to send the programme to Schools by Summer Half term for the following Academic year.

WYCA ensure each transport provider completes a thorough risk assessment which will be available to schools via Kirklees Business Solutions

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# Staff Qualifications and Training

KAL School Swimming Service deliver to Swim England School Swim Charter standards.

All KAL Instructors are Swim England or STA Level 2 qualified, trained specifically in school swimming delivery and attend regular accredited training.

School Swimming Instructors are observed annually, to ensure standards are maintained.

KAL School Swimming Instructors hold a Royal Life Saving Society National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (RLSS NPLQ) and are required to attend monthly staff training.

KAL encourage school staff to be involved with the delivery during school swimming sessions, supporting with activities, registration and recording outcomes and providing support to the School Swimming Instructors.

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# School Swimming Charter

All schools within the KAL School Swimming Service have access to the Swim England School Swimming Charter.

In addition to the National Curriculum outcomes, each pupil is taught and assessed on the Swim England Charter Awards 1-6.

Certificates can also be printed out by the school for children who have achieved within the lessons.

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# Kirklees School Partner Package

Schools will receive their benefits package after confirmation of their booking. KAL will communicate with each school via the newsletter for updates and developments.

The Kirklees School Partner Package currently includes

- Free Yeah Days Out Vouchers
- Free access to KAL Public Swims for all pupils in the Year group attending school swimming
- Invite to Aquatic Festivals (Annual Events)
- Discount on group bookings for school trips to Yeah! Days Out attractions
- Water Safety Assemblies
- Seasonal promotions throughout the year

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# Water Safety Assemblies

KAL deliver Water Safety Assemblies, which have been developed to support schools in promoting essential water safety knowledge and encouraging greater engagement with swimming and other aquatic activities.

The aims of our Water Safety Assemblies are to:

- Raise awareness of key water safety principles to help keep pupils safe in and around water.

- Increase understanding of a range of aquatic disciplines, broadening pupils' knowledge beyond school swimming.

- Encourage participation in swimming and aquatic activities both in school and the wider community.

All sessions are delivered by qualified KAL aquatics staff and are tailored to suit the age group attending. Assemblies are engaging, informative, and support your school's commitment to delivering vital safety education.

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The assemblies are ideal for pupils who have not yet started school swimming, to give them an understanding of water, both the hazards and the fun side of swimming.

## Delivery Schedule

Assemblies will run from March to June. Delivery windows for each site are listed below:

- March – Batley Sports & Tennis Centre & Spen Valley Leisure Centre
- April / May – Salendine Nook & Huddersfield Leisure Centre
- May – Scissett Baths
- June – Colne Valley Leisure Centre
- June – Holmfirth Pool

Schools will receive their booking details during the relevant window.

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# Aquatics Festivals

The aim of the Aquatics Festival is to have fun activities that will give children with different swimming abilities the opportunity to try different aquatics activities in a fun and safe environment.

The Aquatics Festivals will be hosted at Spen Valley Leisure Centre and Huddersfield Leisure Centre.



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The Activities to be planned include:

- Individual races
- Mini polo
- Team games and relays (Noodle races, egg flips, sinkers & hoops)

There are some great prizes available for individual pupils and school teams.

The assemblies will run through June, schools who expressed interest in taking part will receive the booking information in April.

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# Information for Schools

Please:

- Complete the booking form for the following academic year between September – October 31st for the following year.
- Agree to the service level agreement, including the listed roles and responsibilities.
- Update KAL with any change in pupil numbers, cancellations
- Complete the necessary procedure for pupils with care plans/medical conditions

If there are children who have care plans or medical conditions, please make sure these are available to the school swimming instructors. Should any further assistance be required, please contact schoolswimming.admin@kal.org.uk

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# Information for Parents

KAL have produced information for schools to share with parents including an appropriate swimwear guide. The full information can be found on our website via the following link here

## KAL School Swimming Contacts & Information

For all Health & Safety documentation including risk assessment and transport matters, please contact - Kirklees Business Solutions

## KAL Contact

Email: schoolswimming.admin@kal.org.uk

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## KAL School Partner Information

Any schools wishing to terminate their KAL school swimming service delivery must inform KAL in writing and give one academic year's notice.

# KAL School Swimming Frequently Asked Questions

To see our frequently asked questions please use the following link and read them here

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