

Coronavirus Update May 13th 2020

Current Closure of the Swim School

Unfortunately, the Swim School has to remain closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All of our staff are still on furlough, for the time being. We had hoped to re-open the office in early May, following the latest government review of its lockdown arrangements. We will now re-look at the situation in late May, when the next review is due, and when it is clear whether, and on what basis, primary schools will be starting to re-open.

You can still register your interest through our website or by email and we will respond to you when we return to the office, hopefully at the end of May.

The Current Plan for Next Term

Current advice from Swim England (formerly the Amateur Swimming Association), our national body of which we are members, is that Swim schools should make an informed decision on future lessons based on the current information from government.

We are therefore assessing the type of lessons that can be delivered, reflecting social distancing requirements, and any additional safety arrangements that will need to be put in place, taking account of any government and Public Health England guidelines. We will be consulting with our pool providers and staff and, where appropriate, with our customers. We will conduct thorough risk assessments and put in place any necessary mitigating action.

So for all of you who have booked with us and paid for the summer term, we are still planning on running courses, subject to all of the above, if it is possible to do so. The situation can change very rapidly, so it is very difficult to plan with any certainty. If we are unable to fit all of the lessons that you have paid for into a summer programme, we would propose to roll any outstanding credits for this term forward as payment for the September term.

And in the meantime

In the meantime, in common with so many small businesses, we are working hard to keep our Swim School going, so that we will be in good health when more normal operating arrangements can resume. We have fixed costs which must continue to be met, even during a period when no swimming is possible, and will not benefit from any of the grants for small businesses which apply to those who operate from business premises. We are very appreciative of your patience while we seek to put in place new term dates and safe operating arrangements for swimmers, staff and parents.

The Supersharks Team