

Coronavirus Update 16th June 2020

Current Closure of the Swim School

Supersharks remains closed at present due to the Coronavirus pandemic for the time being. All of our staff have had their furlough leave extended. We had hoped to re-open the office in July, following the government's review of its lockdown arrangements. It's now clear that the earliest swimming can resume in indoor pools is 4 July, and it's possible that it may be later than that.

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 June/ early July.

Guidance in preparation for UK Swim Schools re-opening

Swim England, formerly the Amateur Swimming Association, to whom we are affiliated, have published guidance on 15th June to help the aquatics sector prepare for the re-opening of pools. This guidance has been developed in consultation with Sport England and Public Health England. We are now reviewing it carefully, and continue to develop our own plans for re-starting swimming lessons once government guidance allows this, and our pool providers re-open their pools.

In the absence of Swim England guidance prior to today, we have been reviewing preliminary guidance issued by the STA (Swimming Teachers' Association) published recently, and following up on some of their pre-planning advice, including:-

- Providing links to training and education for our swimming teachers on safe teaching, considering and containing the risks of Covid-19
- Undertaking risk assessments and creating new operating procedures for re-opening and operating safely in regards to Covid-19

Some good scientific news:

"According to the scientific literature, there is no increased risk of contracting COVID-19 from swimming in chlorinated pools"
(STA Guidance May 2020)

The USA-based Centre for Disease Control and Prevention suggest there is no evidence that Covid-19 can be spread to people through water in pools, but that individuals need to protect themselves and others both in and out of the water through following appropriate social distancing measures.

Current customers

Any one who has lessons currently booked with us should have received an email on Monday June the 15th detailing all this information and the deferred summer term courses. If you have not please notify us by email and we will re send it to you.

Socially distanced summer crash courses

If circumstances permit, we are preparing to run a programme of summer crash courses. These could begin in the last week of July, and run for 3 weeks or more, depending on demand.

We would anticipate similar morning timings for the lessons, however, group sizes and / or number of teachers may be limited to operate safely, therefore courses may sell out very quickly. New guidance for arrival and leaving the pool, and use of the changing rooms, may also be required.

When these courses are confirmed we will be posting details on the website and emailing previous attendees.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, either during the summer holidays on a crash course, or in September for a term course. Stay healthy, fit and well.

The Supersharks Team