



# Weston-Super-Mare Swimming Club

September 2011

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have had a great summer - welcome back to a new term at WSM Swimming Club in the Learn to Swim (LTS) programme!

## NEW FACES POOLSIDE

Sadly we said goodbye to some of our teachers at the end of last term, however this term we welcome some new LTS teachers and helpers! Jen Ballentine, parent of LTS swimmers and qualified teacher, as well as Emma Parfitt, also a fully qualified teacher, will be helping out with lessons on Thursday evenings. Plus Clive Ashurst, also a parent of LTS swimmers, will be helping out on a Thursday evening, all of whom will be joining our already fantastic team of volunteer teachers and teaching assistants.

## HELP US TO HELP YOUR SWIMMER

If you would like to give your child the best opportunity to progress and help our teachers teach your children effectively, could you please adhere to the following points:

- Arrive promptly for each lesson, dressed appropriately, i.e. swimwear: one piece swimming costume for girls, trunks or swim shorts (tight fitting variety) for boys. **NO leisure wear** e.g. bikinis, board shorts, long Bermuda shorts, sun suits or rash vests – these create drag, making it harder to swim.
- Any child, boy or girl, who has shoulder length hair or longer **must wear a swim hat** when having lessons. This is for the benefit of the swimmer, as well as keeping them safe.
- No jewellery, e.g. necklaces, watches, bracelets, rings. Stud earrings are acceptable but no dangles for obvious reasons!
- Ensure goggles are the right size for your swimmer (not bigger brother's pair!) adjusted correctly and do not leak
- Please do **NOT** distract or coach your child from poolside! Parents/carers should remain in the spectators seating area whilst lessons are in progress.

## NEW LTS SWIM HATS

The new club Learn to Swim hats, based on the same design as the purple squad swim hats, are now available to purchase. They are a high quality hat, with the club logo on them, and only **cost £5 each**. If your child has shoulder length or longer hair they **MUST** wear a hat for lessons. If you would like a LTS hat just let me know.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

All our teachers are qualified ASA Level 2 teachers, who volunteer their time to teach with the club (unpaid). They are assisted by support teachers either with their Level 1, or working towards it. If you would like to get more involved with the club we are always looking for more support from parents/carers/friends etc. Anyone who would like to get a swimming teacher qualification may be supported financially by the club. Please see the club website for more details.

## TERM TIMES

Available at reenrolment, posted on the club notice board and also on the club's website ([www.weston-super-mare-swimming-club.co.uk](http://www.weston-super-mare-swimming-club.co.uk)).

If you have any queries or for more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

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