

Dear Parent

Welcome to the Artistic Swimming section of the Borough of Kirklees Swimming Club. We hope you will have an enjoyable and happy time as part of our club and that you make many new friends whilst your child enjoys training and competing.

As a Swim England SwimMark Accredited Club, our club is run in a professional manner. All our coaches are qualified and highly experienced, and are committed to providing training of a very high standard that swimmers will enjoy, and that helps them reach their full potential. However, if you have any questions about your child's training please address them to the committee or email bksynchro@hotmail.co.uk

Our club is one where we accept that robust safeguarding and fair play is paramount for all our young members and as such we follow the ASA Wavepower guidelines for child safeguarding. The club Welfare Officer will have a copy of this document or a copy can be obtained from the Swim England website.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content as a member of our club, sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise. Therefore if you are concerned about any aspect of what is happening to your child whilst a member of the club, either due to the behaviour of adults or other young people, you can speak to the club Welfare Officer or any committee member. Your club Welfare Officer is **Sarah Whitehouse** and she will help you and your child deal with any concerns appropriately.

Alternatively, there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly to the ASA called Swimline. Swimline is contactable on 0808 100 4001. You will be asked to leave a number at which to call you back within 24 hours. This number will also access the NCPCC/Child Line helpline number if you need to speak to someone immediately just hang on until your call is answered.

In a situation where a child is at risk of harm or has been harmed the parent/club welfare officer should contact the police or Social Services directly and inform the ASA ICPO as soon as possible with the information of the concern.

Finally, we expect all our swimmers to behave in an appropriate manner to their coaches, all club helpers, fellow swimmers and all adults and young people they have contact with in competitions. We therefore have a code of conduct that you and your child will now be asked to sign and return to the club. If you are unsure about any aspect of the code of conduct please feel free to ask.

We hope you will have a very happy and successful time during your time as a member of our club.

Elaine Tucker
Chair
Borough of Kirklees Artistic Swimming Club



Useful websites for parents, children and young people

Kidscape Tel: 020 7730 3300 Website: www.Kidscape.org.uk

Kidscape - have a helpline and downloadable leaflets on what to do if your child is being bullied. The ASA have formed a relationship with Kidscape and can when required refer swimmers who have been bullied to attend the WIZ course in London.

Childline Tel: Call ChildLine 0800 1111 Website: www.childline.org.uk

Help for children and teenagers. Need advice or just want to talk?

Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) Tel: 0116 234 7278/728. Website: www.cpsu.org.uk.

The CPSU have useful downloadable documents including; club safety list for parents, protecting your child by listening, how you can help make sport safe, setting the right example.

NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) Tel: 0116 366 5590 Website: www.thecpsu.org.uk

NSPCC Helpline Tel: 0808 800 5000 Website: www.nspcc.org.uk

Swimline ASA/NSPCC Child Protection Helpline Tel: 0808 100 4001