

Swimming Policy (during school hours)

Ranganna 2-6 will attend swimming lessons during the school year for a period of eight weeks at a time.

Term 1 *Rang 6*

Term 2 *Rang 5 agus Rang 4*

Term 3 *Rang 3 and Rang 2*

As swimming is considered part of schools' PE Curriculum it is expected that all children will take part in swimming lessons. Every effort, insofar as possible, will be made to keep costs to a minimum. No child should be denied participation due his/her family's financial constraints. In such cases, *An Príomhoide* may be contacted and each case will be dealt with discretion.

Two members of school staff will supervise in each of the dressing rooms while the children are changing. Members and staff of the *Kingfisher*, and other members of the public also have access to dressing rooms at these times. To this end, a curtain is in place to separate the children from adults while changing. Lockers are provided to store clothes, etc. while the children are in the pool. Children are advised that running or horseplay in the dressing rooms and at the poolside is forbidden. The use of any type of aerosol can (deodorant or similar) is not permitted.

It is recommended that the children come to school on swimming mornings wearing their swimming costumes under their clothes in order to speed up changing times.

Gaelscoil Dara is in receipt of *Kingfisher's* Child Protection Policy. All swimming teachers and *Kingfisher* staff are vetted by *An Garda Síochána*.

An Ghaeilge is the language of communication in the school and it is expected that children will converse among themselves *as Gaeilge* while in the pool and its environs. Children may be withdrawn from swimming lessons in cases of misbehaviour or breaches of *Riail na Gaeilge*.

If your child is unable to attend swimming lessons on a regular basis, please provide a doctor's certificate